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HEADQUARTERS
368th FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 595, US Army.
2 August, 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical
Control Unit.
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical
Control Section.
Commanding General, 70th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical
Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

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Oprep A No. 155 for 24 hours ending sunset 1 August 1944.
Operations Order No. 121, Mission Y21-3, IX Tactical Air Command.A. : 8 P47Ds of the 368th Fighter Group took off from AIG A-3 at 2
hour intervals from 0846 to 2115, 1 August 1944 to give armored column
support to the 3rd Armored Division. Flights also penetrated up to 20
miles in advance of column in search of enemy activity. The narrative
on the 6 flights is as follows:The 397th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group, composed of
8 P47Ds took off from AIG A-3 at 0846, 1 August 1944 to give armored
column support to the 3rd Armored Division and to patrol up to 20 miles
in advance of columns in search of enemy activity. 8 A/C each carried
2x500# GP bombs (instant nose, 1/40 tail fusing) and proceeded on mission
as briefed. 8 A/C R/V with the 3rd Armored Division at T-393397 at 0900.
Upon orders from the ground, 8 A/C dove from 4000 feet at a 45 degree
angle and at 1000 feet, released 2 bombs on a wooded hill at T-4337.
No direct observation was made on bombing. Flight of 8 A/C left target
area, with 4 A/C landing at AIG A-3 at 1018 and a flight of 4 A/C landing
at AIG A-6 because of low fuel. German troops were strafed at T-2306.
No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. The weather was CAUV.
Visibility was 8 to 10 miles.The 396th Fighter Squadron of this Group, composed of 8 P47Ds took
off from AIG A-3 at 0919, 1 August 1944 to give armed column support to
the 3rd Armored Division and to penetrate 20 miles ahead of armored column
in search of enemy activity. 8 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs (instant
nose - 1/40 tail fusing). 8 A/C arrived over target area at T-590-238 at

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A. : 1030, and dove from 5000 feet, at a 70 degree angle, pulling out at 1000 feet, releasing 16 bombs on road and trucks. Flight also strafed W/Ts at T-530-238 with good results. Flight then left target area with 3 A/C landing at strip #10 at 1120, 4 A/C landing at strip #C at 1130 and one A/C belly landed at C-0226 (south of St Is). The weather on way home was too closed in to land at home base. Bombing results were very good with hits on road and trucks at T-530-238, (see section H). Truck convoys in vicinity of St Bois (T-500-225) with some going east and west, were observed. No abortive or E/A were encountered. The weather over target was CAVU. Haze existed between 300 and 1500 feet towards the coast.

8 H/70s of the 395th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from AIG A-3 at 1624, 1 August 1944 to give armed column support cover to the 3rd Armored Division and to penetrate 20 miles ahead of advancing columns in search of enemy activity. 8 A/C each carried 2x5000 GP bombs (instant nose - 1/40 tail fusing). Flight of 8 A/C arrived over target area (T-5224) at 1745, and dove from 4000 feet at a 35 degree angle and at 1500 feet released 16 bombs on W/Ts and armored units on road at T-5224 (Forest de St Sever area). Flight also strafed W/Ts at T-4005. Flights then left target area, landing at AIG A-3 at 1840. Bombing results were good with 2 direct hits and a string of near misses on column of tanks and W/Ts moving south at T-5224 (see section H). The main road north and south at T-5224, was cut in two places. 50 to 75 vehicles of all types were observed in the Forest de Sever area. The enemy was seen to be evacuating southward along bank line in this area. No downed, abortive or E/A were encountered. Light intense ground fire was encountered in the St Bois area. The flak at T-5224 was heavy, moderate and inaccurate; at T-5036 it was light and moderate. The weather was 2/10 cumulus - heavy; stratus light haze with 15 to 20 mile visibility.

7 H/70s of the 397th Fighter Squadron of this Group, took off from AIG A-3 at 1824, 1 August 1944 to give armed support to the 3rd Armored Division and to patrol 20 miles ahead of armored columns in search of enemy activity. 7 A/C each carried 2x5000 GP bombs (instant nose - 1/40 tail fusing) and proceeded on mission as briefed. Arriving over target area near Vire at 1900, the flight was vectored by the R/T to target. 7 A/C dove from 6000 feet, at a 35 degree angle and at 2000 feet released 9 bombs on 7 well camouflaged tanks at 490335 and 5 bombs on 3 well camouflaged tanks at 490330. Flight also strafed tank and W/T at T-530320. One A/C was seen to crash while strafing at T-528308 at 1915. A/C was seen to hit ground and burst into flames. Pilot did not bail out of this A/C. Enemy vehicles and movements were observed heading toward Vire from the west. The flak NW of Vire at T-5537 was light, intense and accurate. There was no cooling with some haze. Visibility was good.

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3 P/7s of the 396th Fighter Squadron of this Group took off from AIC A-3 at 1915, 1 August 1944, to give armed column support to the 3rd Armored Division to patrol for area 20 miles ahead of advancing column in search of enemy activity. 3 A/C each carried 2,500 GP bombs (instant nose - 1/40 tail fusing) and proceeded on mission as briefed. Arriving over target area at 1940, 3 A/C dove from 5000 feet, at a 60 degree angle and at 1500 feet released 16 bombs on road and w/ra at T-3206. Flight also strafed w/ra. Flight of 3 A/C then left target area, landing at AIC A-3 at 2015. Bombing results were good with 6 hits on road and w/ra at T-3206. 3 A/C were damaged by flak. The flak at T-3200 was light, and heavy, meager and accurate. The weather over the continent was slight haze.

3 P/7s of the 395th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from AIC A-3 at 2012, 1 August 1944 to give armed column support to the 3rd Armored Division and to patrol area 20 miles ahead of advancing column. 3 A/C each carried 2,500 GP bombs (instant nose - 1/40 tail fusing). Flight proceeded on mission as briefed, but because of the weather closing in, flight was recalled. 3 A/C dropped 16 bombs in Channel and landed at AIC A-3 at 2115. No damaged, abortive or RA were encountered. The weather over target was haze up to 4000 feet - visibility 15 miles; haze up to 500 feet existed over the home base.

- (i) 17 - 3470s (Armored Column Cover and P/Bombers)
- (ii) 34 - (Tank Support and P/Bombers) - 4 - wooded Hill at T-4337
 - (1) - Tank Support at T-393977 - (bombs were jettisoned)
 - (2) - Truck and Road at T-539-238
 - (3) - W/ra and armored units at T-3204
 - (7) - Tanks on road at T-490035 - T-490038
 - (8) - W/ra at T-3206
- (iii) 8 - (a) recalled because of weather closing in.
 - (iv) NIL
 - (v) NIL
 - (vi) 1 - A/C was seen to crash in flames while strafing at T-500908 at 1915. It is thought that A/C hit house or tree which caused crash.
 - (vii) 4 - 3 Damaged by flak; 2 - Oct. A., 1 Oct. AC. 1 A/C belly landed at O-2200 (south of St In), Oct. AC.
 - (viii) 17
- (c) NIL
- (d) (i) 05:45
- (ii) NIL
- (e) (i) 25,000 rounds 50 cal. APX.
- (ii) 1300
- (iii) 1500

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- F. : (i) 94 - 500# GP bombs (nose AN M103 - tail AN M101A2)
- (ii) 70 - (8 - Wooded Hill at T-4337)
- 18 (16 - Trucks on road at T-530-238)
- (16 - M/Ts - Armored Units at T-5224)
- (14 - Tanks on road at T-490355 - T-490338)
- (16 - M/Ts at T-5226)
- (iii) 28 - 16 By abortive A/C
- (iv) NIL

G. : 1 - MIA 1st Lt. Rudolph L. Marko, 0715440 was last seen while strafing vehicles at T-520909 at 1915. As he attempted to pull up, his right wing either struck a tree or a house. The wing came off and the A/C did three rolls and hit the ground and burst into flames.

H. : NIL

Other Claims:

Tanks - 5-0-3
 M/T - 4-0-19

For the Commanding Officer:

Maurice D Powell
 MAURICE D POWELL
 1st Lt., Air Corps,
 Ass't. Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 595, US Army
3 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit.
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical Control Section.
Commanding General, 70th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : S E C R E T

Oprep A No. 156 for 24 hours ending sunset 2 August 1944.
Operations Order No. 122, Mission Y21-3, IX Tactical Air Command.
Operations Order No. 261-2, par 2, 70th Fighter Wing.

A. : 40 P47Ds of the 368th Fighter Group took off on 5 missions of flights of 8 A/C each, starting at 1400 to 2129, 2 August 1944 to give armed column cover to the 3rd Armored Division. The narrative on the 5 missions is as follows:

8 P47Ds of the 395th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from AIG A-3 at 1400, 2 August 1944 to give armed cover support to the 3rd Armored Division. 8 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs (instant nose - 1/40 tail fusing) and proceeded on mission as briefed. Arriving over St Pois (target of opportunity) at 1445, 8 A/C dove from 3500 feet at a 35 degree angle and at 1000 feet, released 16 bombs on tanks at T-533185, T-552182 and tanks and M/Ts at T-530178 in the St Pois area. Flight also strafed tanks and M/Ts at T-545237 and T-545176. Flight then left target area, landing at AIG A-3 at 1551. Bombing and strafing results were good with many tanks and M/T destroyed and damaged, (see section H). No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. The flak in the vicinity of T-5518 was light, meager and inaccurate. The weather was 2/10 cumulus and haze between 2800 and 5000 feet. Visibility was 15 to 20 miles.

The 396th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group, composed of 8 P47Ds took off from AIG A-3 at 1515, 2 August 1944 to give armed column support to the 3rd Armored Division. 8 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs (instant nose - 1/40 tail fusing) and proceeded on mission as briefed.

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A. : Arriving over target of opportunity at 1615, 8 A/C dove from 5000 feet, at a 60 degree angle and at 1000 feet, 4 A/C released 8 bombs on Flak Position at T-510260; 4 A/C dropped 8 bombs on 2 tanks at T-600295. Flight also strafed M/T in target vicinity. Flight of 8 A/C then left target area, landing at AIG A-3 at 1704. Bombing results were good and many tanks were thought to be damaged (see section H). The flak position at T-510260 was silenced after bombing. M/T heading south of Vire, were noted at T-5926. The flak at woods at T-51260 was light, moderate and inaccurate. No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. The weather was 4/10 cumulus at 3500 feet to 4000 feet with very bad haze below clouds.

8 F47Ds of the 397th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from AIG A-3 at 1720, 2 August 1944 to give armed column support to the 3rd Armored Division. 8 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs, (instant nose - 1/40 tail fusing) and proceeded on mission as briefed. Arriving over targets of opportunity at 1730, 8 A/C dove from 4000 feet at a 45 degree angle and at 1000 feet, released 16 bombs at T-526142; 2 A/C dropped 4 bombs at T-577144 (St Bartholomy); 4 A/C dropped 8 bombs at T-457134 (Reffeville); 2 A/C dropped 8 bombs at T-526142. Flight then strafed M/T and half tracks at T-590142. Leaving the target area at 1830, Flight landed at AIG A-3 at 1900. Bombing results were good with many direct hits on targets as requested by ground contact. An Armored column was observed entering Mortain. A jeep of troops was strafed at T-560151. No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. The flak at T-578144 was light and accurate. The weather was 3 to 4/10 cumulus at 3500 feet. Visibility was 5 miles.

8 F47Ds of the 395th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from AIG A-3 at 1918, 2 August 1944 to give armed column support to the 3rd Armored Division. 8 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs, (instant nose - 1/40 tail fusing) and proceeded on mission as briefed. Arriving over target area at 1930, 8 A/C dove from 3000 feet, at a 45 degree angle and at 1000 feet, released 16 16 on various targets. 2 A/C dropped 4 bombs, as per request of ground contact, on tanks and M/T at T-503273; 2 A/C dropped 4 bombs on tanks at T-588106; 2 A/C dropped 4 bombs on road in woods at T-417081; 2 A/C dropped 4 bombs on a column of M/Ts at T-601093. Flight also strafed during bomb run. Flight then left target area at 2030, landing at AIG A-3 at 2057. Many hits were observed on tanks and M/Ts. Half tracks and personnel carriers, leaving Mortain were observed to be marked with red crosses. No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. The flak at T-598082 was heavy, moderate and inaccurate. The weather was haze up to 6000 feet; 4 to 6/10 stratus at 18000 feet. Visibility into sun was 2 miles.

8 F47Ds of the 396th Fighter Squadron of this Group took off from AIG A-3 at 2215, 2 August 1944 to give armed column support to the 3rd Armored Division. 8 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs (instant nose - 1/40 tail fusing) and proceeded on mission as briefed. Arriving over target area, west of Mortain, 8 A/C diving from 6000 feet, at a 50 degree angle at 2000 feet, released 16 bombs on convoy of 15 to 20 M/T and tanks at T-515101, west of Mortain. Flight also strafed M/T and tanks in convoy with good results. Flight then left target area, landing at AIG A-3 at 2129. Hits on convoy of M/T and tanks were observed. 2 tanks at head

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- A. : of convoy were observed to be firing at our A/C. The flak at T-585105 was light, moderate and inaccurate. The weather was haze up to 8000 feet with poor visibility.
- B. : (i) 40 P47Ds (Tank Cover Support - D/Bombers)
 (ii) 40 - (4 - Cover - D/Bombers - Tanks at T-533185)
 (2 - Cover - D/Bomber - Tanks at T-552182)
 (2 - Cover - D/Bombers - Tanks and M/T at T-530178)
 (4 - Cover - D/Bombers - Flak Position at T-510260)
 (4 - Cover - D/Bombers - 2 tanks at T-600285)
 (2 - Cover - D/Bombers - T-526142)
 (2 - Cover - D/Bombers - T-577144 - St. Bartholomy)
 (4 - Cover - D/Bombers - T-457134 - Reffeville)
 (2 - Cover - D/Bomber s - Tanks & M/Ts at T-503273)
 (2 - Cover - D/Bombers - Tanks at T-588106)
 (2 - Cover - D/Bombers - Road in woods at T-617081)
 (2 - Cover - D/Bombers - M/Ts at T-601093)
 (8 - Cover - D/Bombers - tanks & M/Ts at T-575101)
 (iii) NIL
 (iv) NIL
 (v) NIL
 (vi) NIL
 (vii) NIL
 (viii) 40
- C. : NIL
- D. : (i) 73:15
 (ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 72000 rounds 50 cal. API.
 (ii) 21329
 (iii) NIL
- F. : (i) 80 - 500% GP bombs (nose AN M103 - tail AN M101A2)
 (ii) 80 - (8 - Tanks at T-533185)
 (4 - Tanks at T-552182)
 (8 - Flak Position at T-510260)
 (4 - Tanks & M/Ts at T-530178)
 (8 - 2 tanks at T-600285)
 (4 - Town entrance at T-520142)
 (4 - St Bartholomy - T-577144)
 (8 - Reffeville - T-457134)
 (4 - Tanks & M/Ts at T-503273)
 (4 - 2 Tanks at T-588106)
 (4 - Road in Woods at T-617081)
 (4 - 5 M/Ts at T-601093)
 (16-10 to 15 M/Ts west of Martain at T-575101)
 (iii) NIL
 (iv) NIL

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C. : NIL
H. : NIL

Other claims:

W/T 12-0-16
Tanks 9-1-0
Halftrack 4-0-2
Staff Car 1-0-0

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For the Commanding Officer:

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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 595, US Army
5 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical
Control Unit.
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical
Control Section.
Commanding General, 70th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical
Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : S E C R E T

Oprep A No. 157 for 24 hours ending sunset 3 August 1944.
Operations Order No. 123, Mission Y21-2, IX Tactical Air Command.

A. : The 395th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group, composed of 8 P47Ds took off from AIG A-3 at 0725, 3 August 1944 to give armed column support to advancing columns of the 3rd Armored Division and to penetrate up to 20 miles in advance of columns in search for enemy activity. 8 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs (instant nose - 1/40 tail fusing) and proceeded on mission as briefed. While enroute to target area, flight ran into very bad weather over St Lo and was ordered to return back to base. All bombs were jettisoned in Channel and flight returned to base, landing at AIG A-3 at 0825. No damaged or enemy A/C were encountered. The weather over St Lo was haze up to 5000 feet, with rain storm and clouds below.

The 396th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group, composed of 8 P47Ds took off from AIG A-3 at 1517, 3 August 1944 to give armed column support to advancing columns and to penetrate 20 miles in advance of columns in search of enemy activity. 8 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs (instant nose - 1/40 tail fusing) and proceeded on mission as briefed. Arriving over target area at 1530, 8 A/C dove from 5000 feet at a 60 degree angle and at 2000 feet, 4 A/C released 8 bombs on a silo type building at T-640083; 2 A/C dropped 4 bombs on 3 vehicles at T-590096; 2 A/C dropped 4 bombs on buildings at T-591103, at the request of ground contact. Flight also strafed M/T and during the bomb run. Leaving the target area (3rd Armored Division) at 1630, flight landed at AIG A-3 at 1722. The building at T-591103 was set on fire.

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- A. : The British were observed to be moving south of Vire and on road east between T-610224 and T-690222. American tank cover was observed just west of Mortain. Vehicles were strafed on road SE of Mortain to Barenton. No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. The flak just east of Mortain was light, meager and inaccurate. The weather over target area was CAVU, with rain squalls north to home base.
- The 397th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group, composed of 8 P47Ds took off from AIG A-3 at 1716, 3 August 1944 to give armed column cover to advancing columns of the 3rd Armored Division. 9 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs (instant nose - 1/40 tail fusing) and proceeded on mission as briefed. Arriving over target area of the 3rd Armored Division at 1730, 8 A/C dove from 4000 feet, at a 45 degree angle and at 1000 feet, released 16 bombs on 3 tanks at T-600119. Flight also strafed M/T and flak positions (half tracks) at T-633108, T-632119 and T-566238 (see section H). Flight then left target area at approximately 1855, landing at AIG A-3 at 1925. 7 tanks and 4 M/T were seen moving south at 1750 at T-566238. Large convoy of German tanks and mechanized units were observed in general area going west into Mortain from the east. No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. Light flak was noted at T-632119 from halftracks. The weather was two large thunderheads over target area between 2500 - 3000 feet.
- 4 P47Ds of the 395th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from AIG A-3 at 1910, 3 August 1944 to give armed column support to the 3rd Armored Division. 4 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs (instant nose - 1/40 tail fusing) and proceeded on mission as briefed. Shortly after take off, the flight of 4 A/C returned to home base because of 1/10 overcast, jettisoning 8 bombs in Channel. Flight of 4 A/C landed at AIG A-3 at 1930. The weather was 1/10 with 150 feet ceiling.
- B. : (i) 28 P47Ds (Armored Column Cover - D/Bombers)
(ii) 16 - (4 - Cover - D/Bombers - Silo type building at T-640089)
(2 - Cover - D/Bombers - M/T and Building at T-591109)
(2 - Cover - D/Bombers - Road Junction at T-590096)
(8 - Cover - D/Bombers - 3 Tanks at T-600119)
(iii) 12 - (a)- Aborted because of bad weather.
(iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) NIL
(vii) NIL
(viii) 24
- C. : NIL
- D. : (i) 45:45
(ii) NIL

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- E. : (i) 50400 rounds 50 cal. API.
(ii) 4892
(iii) NIL
- F. : (i) 56 - 500# GP bombs (nose AN-M103 - tail AN M101A2)
(ii) 32 - (16 - 3 tanks at T-600119)
(4 - M/T and Building at T-591103)
(4 - R/V - Vehicles at T-590096)
(8 - Building at T-640083)
(iii) 24 - By abortive A/C
(iv) NIL
- G. : NIL
- H. : NIL

Other Claims:

Tanks 0-0-3
M/T 1-0-6
Halftracks 4-0-1

5-0-10

For the Commanding Officer:

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HEADQUARTERS
360TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 595, US Army,
6 August 1944.

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SUBJECT: Group A Report. USAF Form 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit.
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical Control Section.
Commanding General, 70th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical Control Section.

FROM : 360th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : SECRET

Group A No. 150 for 24 hours ending sunset 4 August 1944.
Operations Order No. Mission 701-3, IX Tactical Air Command.

The 395th Fighter Squadron of the 360th Fighter Group, composed of 8 P-47s took off from AIG A-3 at 1353, 4 August 1944 to perform armed column support to the 3rd Armored Division and to penetrate up to 20 miles in advance of columns in search of enemy activity. 8 A/C each carried 2x500' GP bombs (instant nose, 1/10 tail fusing) and proceeded on mission as briefed. Arriving over targets of opportunity (from Ger to Donfront at T-7013 - T-7014) at 1445, 8 A/C dove from 3500 feet, at a 40 degree angle and at 1200 feet, released 16 bombs on various targets; 3 A/C dropped 6 bombs on M/T at T-6913; 1 A/C dropped 2 bombs on an armored car at T-6812; 1 A/C dropped 2 bombs on tank at T-6913; 3 A/C dropped 6 bombs on M/T at T-6913. Flight also strafed targets during the bomb run. One A/C was seen to crash (belly land with A/C under control) at Ger-Donfront area, France. 7 A/C then left target area, landing at AIG A-3 at 1545. Many M/Ts, jeeps and tank were destroyed (see section H). One A/C was damaged by flak. No abortive or T/A were encountered. The flak, believed to be in vicinity of E of Ger (7104) was light, intense and accurate. The weather - hazy at 3500 feet; 6/10 alto-cumulus. Visibility was fair.

The 396th Fighter Squadron of the 360th Fighter Group, composed of 8 P-47s took off from AIG A-3 at 1717, 4 August 1944 to perform armed column support to the 3rd Armored Division. 8 A/C each carried 2x500' GP bombs (instant nose, 1/10 tail fusing) and proceeded on mission as briefed.

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- A. : Arriving over target area (tank concentration at T-537304) at 1800, B A/C dove from 5000 feet, at a 60 degree angle and at 1500 feet, released 16 bombs on tank concentration at T-537304. Flight also strafed during the bomb run. Flight of 8 A/C left target area, landing at AIG - A-3 at 1905. Bombing results were good with all hits concentrated on target area, as requested by ground contact. Resistance of German 88 gun position at T-5431 was also hit. 2 A/C were damaged by flak. No abortive or E/A were encountered. The flak at T-535300 was light, heavy and accurate. The weather was cloudless with visibility of 8 miles.
- B. : (i) 16 B47D (Tank Column Cover - D/Bombers)
 (ii) 15 (7-Cover-D/Bombers - W/T and Tanks at T-6913)
 (1-Cover-D/Bomber - Armored Car - T-6812)
 (8-Cover-D/Bombers - Tank Concentration in Woods at T-537304)
 (iii) NIL
 (iv) NIL
 (v) NIL
 (vi) 1 - A/C was seen to crash (belly land-under control) in the Ger-Damfront area - T-7013-T-7014. Cause believed to be light flak.
 (vii) 3 - Damaged by flak; 2 Cat. A, 1 Cat. AC.
 (viii) 16
- C. : NIL
- D. : (i) 29:00
 (ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 20000 rounds 50 cal. APX.
 (ii) 10040
 (iii) 1800
- F. : (i) 32 - 500# GP bombs (AN M103 nose - AN M101A2) - tail
 (ii) 32 - (16 - Tank Concentration in woods at T-537304)
 (14 - M/Ts and Tanks at T-6913)
 (2 - Armored Car at T-6812)
 (iii) NIL
 (iv) NIL
- G. : *nil* 1 - SIA - Lt Col. Henry R. Quinby, 0429168 - last seen to crash land A/C in the Ger-Damfront area (T-7013-T-7014) Pilot was later taken to the Advanced Evacuating Hospital #128 where he is getting proper care.
- H. : NIL

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H. : Other Claims:

W/F 4-0-2
 Tank 0-2-3
 Armored Car 0-0-1

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1/7 D/B
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Operations Order No. 261-3, 70th Fighter Wing.

A. : 8 B-17s of the 397th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from AIG A-3 at 1745, 4 August 1944 to dive bomb targets of opportunity in the Vire Area. 8 A/C each carried 2x500 GP bombs (instant nose, 1/40 tail fuzing) and proceeded on mission as briefed. Arriving over target area at Vire at 1840, 8 A/C dove from 3500 feet, at a 45 degree angle and at 2500 feet, released 15 bombs on 4 tanks at T-547269. Flight also strafed 2 A/C in town of Champ du Bolt (T-548269) and destroyed a church steeple. Flight then left target area, landing at AIG A-3 at 1929. 2 of the 4 tanks attacked by bombs were destroyed. One bomb accidentally was dropped at T-540255. US tanks were observed at T-648360. German troops and equipment were reported to be in Champ du Bolt around T-546270. 2 A/C were damaged by flak. The weather was CAVU. Visibility was 6 miles.

- B. : (i) 8 B-17s (D/Bombers)
 (ii) 8 (3 - D/Bombers - 4 tanks at T-540269)
 (iii) NIL
 (iv) NIL
 (v) NIL
 (vi) NIL
 (vii) 2 - Damaged by flak, Cat. A.
 (viii) 8

C. : NIL

- D. : (i) 15:45
 (ii) NIL

- E. : (i) 24400 rounds 50 cal. ANI.
 (ii) 1085
 (iii) NIL

- F. : (i) 16 - 500 GP bombs - (AN M103 nose - AN M101A2 tail)
 (ii) 15 - (4 tanks at T-540269)
 (iii) NIL
 (iv) NIL

1 - accidentally dropped at T-540255 while enroute to target - no damage done.

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C. : NIL
H. : NIL

Other Claims:
Tanks 2-0-2 ✓

For the Commanding Officer:

Maurice D Powell
MAURICE D POWELL
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't. Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 595, US ARMY,
6 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Opprep A Report. USAF Form 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical
Control Unit.
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical
Control Section.
Commanding General, 70th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical
Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : SECRET

Opprep A No. 158 for 24 hours ending sunset 5 August 1944.
Operations Order No 125, par. 4, IX Tactical Air Command.

A. : 8 H7Ds of the 395th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from AIG A-3 at 0812, 5 August 1944 to perform armed column support to the 3rd Armored Division and to penetrate up to 20 miles in advance of columns in search of enemy activity. 8 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs (instant nose, 1/40 tail fusing) and proceeded on the mission as briefed. Arriving over targets of opportunity, south of Vire at 0920, 8 A/C dove from 4000 feet, at a 30 degree angle and at 1200 feet, released 16 bombs on various targets, south of Vire, as requested by ground contact. 2 A/C dropped 4 bombs on 1 M/T at T-690223; 1 A/C dropped 2 bombs on jeep at T-6627; 1 A/C dropped 2 bombs on M/T at T-626268; 1 A/C dropped 2 bombs on tank at T-5728; 3 A/C dropped 6 bombs on hedgerow (concentration of vehicles) at T-5728. Flight also strafed above targets during bomb run. One A/C was damaged by flak. Flight then left target area, landing at AIG A-3 at 1002. Bombing results were good with many M/Ts and tanks destroyed and damaged, (see section H). Tank and M/T activity was noted south of Vire. French civilian evacuees were noted moving from Vire to Fleurs. Friendly armed columns were observed at T-5232 and T-635325. No abortive or E/A were encountered. The flak at T-6025 was light, intense and inaccurate. No flak was reported between St. Sever and Vire. The weather was 5/10 cumulus between 6000 and 6500 feet. Visibility was good. A solid overcast was observed to the south.

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- A. : 8 H47Ds of the 397th Fighter Squadron of this Group took off from AIG A-3 at 1750, 5 August 1944 to perform an armed column cover to the 3rd Armored Division and to penetrate up to 20 miles in advance of column in search of enemy activity. 8 A/C each carried 2x500^{lb} GP bombs (instant nose, 1/40 tail fusing) and proceeded on mission as briefed. Arriving over target area (bridge at T-656055) at 1800, 8 A/C dove from 4000 feet, at a 45 degree angle and at 1000 feet, released 15 bombs on road and both sides of bridge at T-656055. Purpose of bombing, as requested by ground contact, was to explode mines in area surrounding the bridge. Flight then left target area at 1900, landing at AIG A-3 at 1927. One A/C was damaged by bomb fragments. US vehicles (tanks and scout cars) were observed going east at Teilland - Y-6399. No abortive or E/A were encountered. The flak at Falaise - U-2436 was light, moderate and inaccurate. The weather was 2 to 3/10 cumulus at 3000 feet, with low scattered clouds. Visibility was 2 miles.
- B. : (i) 16 H47Ds (Tank Column Cover - D/Bombers)
 (ii) 16 - (8 - Cover - D/Bombers - Bridge area at T-656055)
 (2 - Cover - D/Bombers - M/T at T-690223)
 (1 - Cover - D/Bomber - Jeep at T-6627)
 (1 - Cover - D/Bomber - M/T at T-676268)
 (4 - Cover - D/Bombers - 2 Tanks, hedgerow concentration of vehicles at T-5728)
- (iii) NIL
 (iv) NIL
 (v) NIL
 (vi) NIL
 (vii) 3 - 2 damaged by flak, Cat. A.
 1 damaged by bomb frag, Cat. A.
 (viii) 16
- C. : NIL
- D. : (i) 30:45
 (ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 28300 rounds 50 cal. API.
 (ii) 5073
 (iii) NIL
- F. : (i) 32 - 500^{lb} GP bombs - (nose AN M103 - tail AN M101A2)
 (ii) 31 - (15 - Bridge area at T-656055)
 (4 - M/T at T-690223)
 (2 - Jeep at T-6627)
 (2 - M/T at T-676268)
 (8 - 2 tanks, hedgerow - concentration of vehicles at T-5728)
- (iii) 1 - Swamp at T-4687
 (iv) NIL

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G. : NIL
H. : NIL

Other Claims:

Tank 1-0-1
M/T 6-0-5
Staff Car 1-0-0
Half track 1-0-1

For the Commanding Officer:

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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 595, US Army,
8 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 91A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical
Control Unit.
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical
Control Section.
Commanding Officer, 368th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical
Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF :

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Oprep A No. 159 for 24 hours ending sunset, 6 August 1944.
Operations Order No. 126, par 3, IX Tactical Air Command.

A. : 8 F47Ds of the 395th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from AIG A-3 at 1649, 6 August 1944 to perform Armored Column Cover for the 3rd Armored Division and to penetrate up to 20 miles in advance of columns in search of enemy activity. 8 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs (instant nose, 1/40 tail fusing) and to proceed on the mission as briefed. Arriving over targets of opportunity at 1750, 8 A/C dove from 6000 feet, at a 50 degree angle and at 1200 feet, released 16 bombs on various targets: 3 A/C dropped 6 bombs on church at T-637329; 1 A/C dropped 2 bombs on gun position at T-713418; 1 A/C dropped 2 bombs on a light gun position at T-609307; 2 A/C dropped 4 bombs on wooded area containing various mechanized units at T-777332; 1 A/C dropped 2 bombs on tank at T-665317. Flight also strafed and destroyed many M/T during the bomb run and at various other points, (see section H). Flight of 8 A/C then left target area, landing at AIG A-3 at 1842. One A/C was damaged by light AA. Church steeple at T-637329 was destroyed, as requested by ground contact and church seriously damaged. Many vehicles were seen in area east of Vire. No abortive or E/A were encountered. The flak in area east of Vire to east of Vassy at T-93328 was heavy, moderate and inaccurate; at T-714418 and T-609307, it was light, moderate and inaccurate; at Mortain (T-595105) it was light, moderate and accurate. The weather over target area was haze up to 5000 feet. Visibility was 3 miles.

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- B. : (1) 8 M77s (Tank Column Cover - B/Bombers)
- (11) 8 (3 - Cover - B/Bombers - Church at T-697329)
- (1 - Cover - B/Bomber - Gun Position at T-719410)
- (1 - Cover - B/Bomber - Light Gun Position - T-609907)
- (2 - Cover - B/Bombers - Mechanized Units at T-777332)
- (1 - Cover - B/Bomber - Tank at T-665917)
- (111) NIL
- (iv) NIL
- (v) NIL
- (vi) NIL
- (vii) 1 - Damaged by Light M., Cal. AC.
- (viii) 0

C. : NIL

- D. : (1) 16:00
- (11) NIL

- E. : (1) 2400 rounds 50 cal. AMX.
- (11) 3075
- (111) NIL

- F. : (1) 16 - 500 GP bombs (nose AN-809 - tail AN-801A2)
- (11) 16 - (6 - Church at T-697329)
- (2 - Gun Position at T-719410)
- (2 - Light Gun Position - T-609907)
- (1 - Mechanized Units - T-777332)
- (2 - Tank at T-665917)

(111) NIL
(iv) NIL

G. : NIL

H. : NIL

Other Checks:

W/P 1-0-3
 Tank 0-0-1
 Staff Car 1-0-0

5-0-4 ✓

For the commanding officers:

Maurice D. Howell
 MAURICE D HOWELL
 1st Lt., Air Corps,
 Ass't. Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 595, US Army,
9 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical
Control Unit.
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical
Control Section.
Commanding Officer, 84th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical
Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : S E C R E T

Oprep A No. 160 for 24 hours ending sunset 7 August 1944.
Operations Order No. 128, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, IX Tactical Air Command.

A. : 8 P-47s of the 395th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from AIG A-3 at 1215, 7 August 1944 to perform ~~assisted~~ ~~escort~~ support to the 30th and 1st Infantry Divisions. 4 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs (instant nose, 1/40 tail fusing) and 4 A/C maintained top cover. Flight of 8 A/C proceeded on mission as briefed. Shortly after take-off, one A/C aborted due to prop failure. 7 A/C arrived over targets of opportunity at 1235. One A/C, after being hit by flak, left target area with another A/C as an escort. Both of these A/C jettisoned their bombs in the Channel. 2 A/C dove from 7000 feet, at a 60 degree angle, pulling out at 1500 feet and at 2000 feet, released 4 bombs on 6 tanks at T-668129. These tanks were also strafed during the bomb-run. Flight of 5 A/C then left target area, landing at AIG A-3 at 1350. Bombing results on tanks were unobserved. 2 A/C were damaged by flak. No E/A were encountered. 15 plus tanks and M/Ts (standing still) were seen on road NE of Mortain. 6 Mark VI tanks were noted east on road followed by infantry at T-583142. The flak at T-583131 was light, moderate, and accurate; at T-606122, it was light and heavy, moderate and accurate; south of Vire, there was a heavy concentration of light AA. The weather was haze up to 4000 feet - 3/10 cumulus between 4 and 5000 feet. Visibility was 5 plus miles.

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A. 8 P47Ds of the 396th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from AIG A-3 at 1403, 7 August 1944 to perform armored column support to the 30th and 1st Infantry Divisions. 4 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs (instant nose, 1/40 tail fusing) and 4 A/C maintained top cover and proceeded on mission as briefed. While enroute to target area, flight encountered 35 plus ME 109s at 5000 feet (carrying bombs) at T-9890 at 1515. Flight immediately jettisoned their bombs and contacted the Controller for help to which Spitfires and P51 responded. During the encounter with enemy A/C, 2 ME 109s were destroyed (see section H). Flight also strafed 2 M/Ts at Z-1086, and then left target area at 1530, landing at AIG A-3 at 1555. One A/C made a crash landing at home base because of mid-air collision with enemy A/C which was destroyed. The weather was 4/10 cumulus between 4 and 5000 feet. Visibility was 3 miles.

8 P47Ds of the 397th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from AIG A-3 at 1605, 7 August 1944 to perform armored column support to the 30th and 1st Infantry Divisions. 4 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs (instant nose, 1/40 tail fusing) and 4 A/C maintained top cover and proceeded on mission as briefed. Arriving over targets of opportunity at 1710, 4 A/C dove from 4500 feet, at a 60 degree angle and at 1000 feet, released 8 bombs on various targets of opportunity at Y-8976. Targets assigned by ground contact could not be located and flight bombed targets of opportunity. 1 A/C dropped 2 bombs on M/T containing troops at Y-8976; 3 A/C dropped 6 bombs on flak position of approximately 16 light guns in vicinity of Y-8976. Flight also strafed targets during bomb-run. Flight then left target area, landing at AIG A-3 at 1759. Bombing results were good with M/T with troops at Y-8976 damaged. German vehicles were noted on road SE of Vire. No damaged, abortive or E/A encountered. The flak at Vire - T-6981 was light and heavy, intense and accurate; at Y-8976 it was light, moderate and accurate; at Mortain it was light, moderate and fairly accurate. The weather was 3/10 cumulus - base 6500 feet. The visibility was fair.

8 P47Ds of the 395th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from AIG A-3 at 1810, 7 August 1944 to perform armored support to the 30th and 1st Infantry Divisions. 4 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs (instant nose, 1/40 tail fusing) and 4 A/C maintained top cover. Arriving over target area at Forest Y-8665, 4 A/C dove from 7000 feet at a 70 degree angle and at 2000 feet, released 8 bombs in wooded area at Y-8665 in which is believed to have been a concentration of tanks and guns. This attack was requested by ground contact. Flight also strafed M/Ts at various points (see section H). Flight then left target area, landing at AIG A-3 at 2006. Bombing results were good with all bombs falling in the assigned wooded area at Y-8665. 4 or 5 large fires and explosions were observed after the bombing attack. Woods at T-7305 were also noted to be on fire. Many camouflaged objects, resembling wood piles were observed at Y-8665. The flak at T-6520 was heavy, moderate and accurate; at vicinity of T-6520 it was light, moderate and inaccurate. No damaged abortive or E/A were encountered. The weather was 3/10 haze at 6 to 8000 feet. Visibility was 3 miles.

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- B. :
- (1) 32 H47Ds (16 - Infantry Support - Escort)
(16 - Infantry Support - D/Bombers)
 - (11) 29 (15 - Escort - Top Cover to A/C which carried bombs and maintained cover for Infantry Div. in area of T-608129, Y-902861 and Y-8665).
(4 - D/Bombers - Forest at Y-8665)
(2 - D/Bombers - 6 tanks at T-608129)
(4 - D/Bombers - Jettisoned bombs (unarmed) over Lassy - Y-902861) because of encounter of E/A).
(4 - D/Bombers - H/T and Flak Position at Y-8976)
 - (111) 3 - (c) 1 - (Escort) Worn wall crank allowed a fluctuation of the Prop.
(d) 1 - (D/Bomber) Damaged by flak.
(d) 1 - (D/Bomber) Escort to abortive A/C.
 - (iv) NIL
 - (v) NIL
 - (vi) NIL
 - (vii) 3 - 1 A/C had a mid-air collision with an enemy A/C, damaging the peto tube, thus causing the pilot to over shoot the field when landing, Cat. E.
1 Damaged by flak; Cat. AG.
1 Damagedly flak, Cat. A.
 - (viii) 31
- C. : NIL
- D. :
- (i) 6245
 - (11) NIL
- E. :
- (1) 57600 rounds 50 cal. API.
 - (11) 0849
 - (111) NIL
- F. :
- (1) 32 - 500^{lb} GP bombs (nose AN-2109- tail AN-2101A2) *Intc* *1/40 Sec delay*
 - (11) 20 - (8 - Forest at Y-8665)
(4 - 6 Tanks at T-608129)
(8 - H/T and Flak Position at T-8976)
 - (111) 12 - (4 - By abortive A/C (D/Bombers).
(8 - ~~H/T and Flak Position at Y-8976~~)
JETTISONED BOMBS WHEN ENCOUNTERED ENEMY A/C
 - (iv) NIL
- G. : NIL
- H. :
- In Air: 2-0-0
 - (1) 1 - ME 109 - Captain Joseph J McLachlan, 396th Fighter Squadron.
1 - ME 109 - 1st Lt. Alfred E Benton, 396th Fighter Squadron.
 - (11) NIL
 - (111) NIL

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H. :

Other Claims:

M/T	0-1-1
Truck	0-0-1
Staff Car	0-1-1

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For the Commanding Officer:

Maurice D Powell
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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 595, US Army,
10 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical
Control Unit.
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical
Control Section.
Commanding Officer, 84th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical
Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : SECRET

Oprep A No. 161, for 24 hours ending sunset 8 August 1944.
Operations Order No. 130, Par. 3, IX Tactical Air Command.

A. : 7 F47Ds of the 395th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from ALG A-3 at 1106, 8 August 1944 to perform Armored Column Support for the 2nd Armored Division and to penetrate up to 20 miles in advance of columns in search of enemy activity. 3 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs (instant nose, 1/40 tail fusing) and 4 A/C maintained top cover. Arriving over targets of opportunity at T-8315 - V-5062 at 1220, 3 A/C dove from 4500 feet, at a 45 degree angle and at 1500 feet 1 A/C dropped 2 bombs in woods at T-8315; 1 A/C dropped one bomb east of bomb line and jettisoned the other bomb in the Channel; 1 A/C dropped 2 bombs on tank at V-5062. Flight of 7 A/C then left target area, landing at ALG A-3 at 1315. Bombing results on wooded area at T-8315 were unobserved. The tank at V-5062 was destroyed. U.S. troops were noted to be 5 to 6 miles west of Le Mans. A column of Allied M/Ts and armored vehicles were observed moving east toward Ger at T-670129. One A/C was damaged by flak. No abortive or E/A were encountered. The flak at T-8622 was heavy, meager and inaccurate; at T-8315 it was light, meager and inaccurate. The weather was 4/10 cumulus - haze up to 6000 feet. Visibility was poor.

8 F47Ds of the 396th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from ALG A-3 at 1113, 8 August 1944 to perform Armored Column Cover for the 3rd Armored Division and to penetrate up to 20 miles in advance of columns in search of enemy activity. 4 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs (instant nose, 1/40 tail fusing) and 4 A/C maintained top cover. At 1130, 4 A/C dove from 4000 feet at a 40 degree angle and at 1500 feet, dropped 8 bombs on a wooded area at T-9204 (Domfront). Flight

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A. : of 8 A/C were attacked by 30 FW 190s and ME 109s near Orleans - east of Argentan at 1240. During the encounter, 1 ME 109 was destroyed near Orleans, with pilot bailing out and 1 FW 190 was destroyed east of Argentan by the same pilot. Flight then left target area at 1230, landing at AIG A-3 at 1308. Bombing results on wooded area at T-9204 were unobserved. No damaged or abortive A/C were encountered. The flak at T-9010 was heavy, intense and accurate. The weather was 5/10 strata-cumulus - haze to 7000 feet. Visibility was poor.

8 H47Ds of the 395th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from AIG A-3 at 1636, 8 August 1944 to perform Armored Column Support for the 2nd Armored Division and to penetrate up to 20 miles in advance of columns in search of enemy activity. 4 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs (instant nose, 1/40 tail fusing) and 4 A/C maintained top cover. Shortly after take-off, one A/C (escort) aborted because of a rough engine and another A/C (escort) escorted the abortive A/C to home base. 6 A/C arrived over targets of opportunity in vicinity of Ger at T-7015 at 1730. 4 A/C dove from 5000 feet, at a 50 degree angle and at 1000 feet, released 8 bombs on targets of opportunity at T-7015. Flight also strafed tank and M/T at T-678132. Flight of 6 A/C left target area, landing at AIG A-3 at 1806. One tank was destroyed and one tank damaged by bombing attack. Two A/C were damaged by flak. 12 plus tanks, armored cars and half-trucks were observed traveling on main road west of Ger. German mechanized units appeared to be on all main highways and roads southeast of Sour Deval. The flak at T-682128 and area to north was light, very intense and accurate. The weather was haze up to 3000 feet - 4/10 cumulus from 6 to 6500 feet. Maximal visibility was one and half miles.

8 H47Ds of the 396th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from AIG A-3 at 1643, 8 August 1944 to perform Armored Column Support for the 3rd Armored Division and to penetrate up to 20 miles in advance of column in search of enemy activity. 4 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs (instant nose, 1/40 tail fusing) and 4 A/C maintained top cover. 8 A/C arrived over targets of opportunity (convoy of M/T at Q-4201) at 1810. 4 A/C dove from 5000 feet, at a 65 degree angle and at 1500 feet, released 8 bombs on motor convoy of 50 M/Ts at Q-4201. Flight also strafed convoy during bomb-run, then left target area, landing at AIG A-3 at 1929. Bombing results were good with 8 to 10 M/T destroyed by bombing and 5 M/T destroyed by strafing attack. Friendly tanks were observed going east and southeast out of Le Mans at 1300. 4 A/C were damaged by flak. No abortive or E/A were encountered. The weather was 8 to 10/10 strata-cumulus at 5000 feet with heavy haze. Visibility was poor.

- B. : (i) 31 H47Ds (15 - Armored Tank Column Support / D/Bombers)
 (16 - Armored Tank Column Support / Escorts)
 (ii) 29 - (4 - D/Bombers - Cover - Woods at T-9204)
 (1 - D/Bomber - Cover - East of Bomb line)
 (1 - D/Bomber - Cover - Woods at T-8915)
 (1 - D/Bomber - Cover - Tank - V-5062)
 (4 - D/Bombers - Cover - Tanks at T-7015)
 (4 - D/Bombers - Cover - 50 M/Ts at Q-4201)

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- D. : (ii) (14 - Escort to D/Bombers)
- (iii) 2 Escort1(c) Aborted because of leaking intake which caused vibrating engine.
- 1(a) Escort to above A/C.
- (iv) NIL
- (v) NIL
- (vi) NIL
- (vii) 7 - Damaged by flak, 2 Cat. A.; 5 Cat. AC.
- (viii) 31

- G. : NIL

- D. : (i) 67:30
- (ii) NIL

- E. : (i) 55800 rounds 50 cal. AFL.
- (ii) 3680
- (iii) NIL

- F. : (i) 30 - 500# GP bombs (AN-M103 nose - AN-M101A2 tail)
- (ii) 29 - (8 - Woods at T-9204)
- (2 - Woods at T-8315)
- (2 - Tank at V-5062)
- (1 - East of bomb line)
- (8 - Tanks at T-7015)
- (8 - Convoy of 50 M/ps at Q-4201)
- (iii) 1
- (iv) NIL

- G. : NIL

- H. : (i) In Air: - 2-0-0
- 1 - FW 190 - 1st Lt David C. Parrish - 396th Fighter Squadron.
- 1 - ME 109 - 1st Lt David C. Parrish - 396th Fighter Squadron.
- (ii) NIL
- (iii) NIL

Other Claims:

M/T 16-0-3 19-03

Tanks 3-0-0

4 D/B
E/W

Operations Order No. Y21-15, 8th Fighter Wing.

A. : 8 F47Ds of the 397th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from ALC A-3 at 1919, 8 August 1944 on an armed reconnaissance mission in area from Fliers to Donfront. 8 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs (instant nose, 1/40 tail fusing). Arriving over the Fliers-Donfront area at 1940, 8 A/C dove from 4000 feet, at a 45 degree angle and at 1000 feet, released 15 bombs on roads and hedgerows at T-703135; 1 A/C dropped 2 bombs on trucks at Ger - T-697137; 6 A/C released 11 bombs on road and hedgerows at T-703135; 1 A/C dropped 2 bombs at T-698137.

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A. : Flight of 8 A/C then left target area, landing of A/C A-3 at 2030. Bombing results on roads and hedgerows at T-703135 were unobserved. 4 M/Ts at T-698137 were destroyed (see section H). One A/C was damaged by 20 mm. shell which penetrated into the cockpit of A/C. No abortive or E/A were encountered. German vehicles were observed on road at T-705142. U.S. tanks going NE were observed at T-678068. The flak at Ger and SW of Ger - T-7015 was light, intense and accurate. The weather was heavy haze - building to cumulus - 15000 feet. The visibility was 3 to 4 miles.

B. : (i) 8 M/Ts (Armed Reconnaissance - D/Bombers)
 (ii) 8 (6 - D/Bombers - Vehicles along hedgerows at T-703135)
 (1 - D/Bomber - Tank near Ger at T-697137)
 (1 - D/Bomber - 4 Vehicles at T-698137)
 (iii) NIL
 (iv) NIL
 (v) NIL
 (vi) NIL
 (vii) 1 - A/C hit by 20 mm. shell which penetrated cockpit, Cat. AC.
 (viii) 0

C. : NIL

D. : (i) 11:30
 (ii) NIL

E. : (i) 14400 rounds 50 cal. AMI.
 (ii) NIL
 (iii) NIL

F. : (i) 16 - 500# GP bombs (AN-M103 nose, AN-M101A2 tail)
 (ii) 15 - (11 - Vehicles along hedgerow at T-703135)
 (2 - Tank near Ger at T-697137)
 (2 - Vehicles at T-698137)
 (iii) 1
 (iv) NIL

G. : 1 - LFA - Capt John H Bourgo, 0798117 was slightly scratched on the leg by little pieces of a 20 mm. shell which burst in the cockpit. Pilot did not require hospitalization.

H. : NIL

Other Claims:

M/T 4-0-0 ✓
 Tank 0-1-0

4-1-0

For the Commanding Officer:

Maurice D Powell
 MAURICE D POWELL
 1st Lt., Air Corps,
 Ass't. Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

I-R-1

APO 595, US Army,
11 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report, USAAF Form 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical
Control Unit.
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical
Control Section.
Commanding Officer, 84th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical
Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : SECRET

Oprep A No. 162 for 24 hours ending sunset 9 August 1944.
Operations Order No. 132, Par. 3, IX Tactical Air Command.

A. : 8 F47Ds from the 395th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from AIG A-3 at 1625, 9 August 1944 to perform Armored Column Cover for the 2nd Armored Division and to penetrate up to 20 miles in advance of columns in search of enemy activity. 8 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs (instant nose, 1/40 tail fusing) and proceeded on mission as briefed. Shortly after take-off, one A/C aborted due to prop failure. 7 A/C arrived over target area (woods at T-7610 - Lonbay - L'Abbaye) which was believed to contain a concentration of German equipment at 1210. 7 A/C dove from 6000 feet, at a 45 degree angle and at 1500 feet, released 14 bombs in wooded area at T-7610. Flight then left target area, landing at AIG A-3 at 1231. Bombing results were unobserved, except that fires were noted in wooded area at T-7610. The town of Ger was noted to be in flames. Much reflection (possibly windshields) was observed in woods NE of T-700155. U.S. columns were seen at T-745054 and T-630095. The weather was haze up to 7000 feet. Visibility was 5 to 6 miles.

8 F47Ds of the 395th Fighter Squadron of this Group, took off from AIG A-3 at 1639, 9 August 1944 to perform Armored Column Support for the 2nd Armored Division and to penetrate up to 20 miles in advance of columns in search of enemy activity. 4 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs (instant nose, 1/40 tail fusing) and 4 A/C maintained top cover. Flight arrived over designated area, at R/V point and contacted ground force at 1700 but no targets were assigned, so flight attacked targets of opportunity. 4 A/C dove from 5000 feet, at a 60 degree angle and at 1500 feet, released 8 bombs on a convoy of 25 plus vehicles at T-748228. Flight also strafed M/Ts of all types during bomb run and at various other points.

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- 59^a
- A. : Flight of 8 A/C then left target area at 1800, landing at AIG A-3 at 1835. Bombing and strafing results were good with many M/Ts destroyed and damaged, (see section H). One A/C was damaged by flak. 50 to 75 large brown objects were seen at T-755217. A German hospital was seen evacuating and many ambulances were observed at T-7218. German vehicles were seen at T-7523. The flak at T-732220 was light, intense and inaccurate. The weather - haze to 6000 feet. Visibility was 3 miles.
- B. : (i) 16 P47Ds (4 - Tank Column Cover / Escort)
(12 - Tank Column Cover / D/Bombers)
(ii) 15 - (7 - D/Bombers - Wooded area at T-7610)
(4 - D/Bombers - Convoy of 25 plus Vehicles at T-748228)
(4 - Escort to 4 - D/Bombers - Target - T-748228)
(iii) 1 - D/Bomber (c) Ground field on prop motor burned out.
(iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) NIL
(vii) 1 - Damaged by flak, Cat. A.
(viii) 15
- C. : NIL
- D. : (i) 32:30
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 28900 rounds 50 cal. APF.
(ii) 4910
(iii) NIL
- F. : (i) 24 - 500# GP bombs (AN M103 nose, AN M101A2 tail)
(ii) 22 - (8 - Convoy of 25 plus vehicles at T-748228)
(14 - Wooded area at T-7610)
(iii) 2 - By abortive A/C
(iv) NIL
- G. : NIL
- H. : NIL

Other Claims:

M/T	13-0-6
Tank	1-0-0
Staff Car	1-0-0
Halftrack	0-0-1

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Operations Order No. Y21-6, 84th Fighter Wing.

A. 8 P47Ds of the 397th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from AIG A-3 at 1221, 9 August 1944 on an Armed Reconnaissance mission in the vicinity of Argentan to Le Mans. 8 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs (instant nose, 1/40 tail fusing) and proceeded on the mission as briefed. 8 A/C arrived at west of Alencon - Z-3284 at 1315, what appeared to be a fuel dump. 2 A/C dove from 4500 feet, at a 60 degree angle and at 1000 feet, released 4 bombs on fuel dump at Z-3284. These A/C also strafed target during the bomb run. 6 A/C jettisoned 12 bombs outside of bombline when 100 plus enemy A/C were reported to the flight over Argentan - Flers area. No enemy A/C were located and flight left target area, landing at AIG A-3 at 1358. Bombing results on fuel dump at Z-3284 were observed but target did not appear to blow up. Crated boxes were observed at target area at Z-3284. A tank was noted at Z-3663. No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. The flak at Vire was heavy, moderate and inaccurate. The weather was generally hazy - thick stratus clouds between 5 and 12000 feet - east and south of Le Mans. Visibility was 2 to 3 miles.

8 P47Ds of the 396th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from AIG A-3 at 1406, 9 August 1944 on an Armed Reconnaissance mission in the vicinity of Argentan - Le Mans area. 8 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs (instant nose, 1/40 tail fusing) and proceeded on mission as briefed. Arriving over target area, at woods at Z-3392 at 1430, 8 A/C dove from 8000 feet, at a 60 degree angle and at 2000 feet, released 16 bombs on target at Z-3392 which appeared to be a storage dump of M/P and troops. Flight then left target area, at 1530 landing at AIG A-3 at 1605. Bombing results were unobserved for most part, but large orange flames and black smoke was observed over target area after bombing attack. U.S. troops were noted moving south and east of Mayenne. No damaged, abortive or enemy A/C were encountered. The weather was stratus - 8/10 cumulus at 4000 feet. Visibility was hazy.

- B. (i) 16 P47Ds (Armed Reconnaissance - D/Bombers)
(ii) 16 - (2 - Armed Reconnaissance - D/Bombers - Fuel Dump at Z-3284)
(6 - Armed Reconnaissance - D/Bombers - Jettisoned bombs because E/A were called in over R/T)
(8 - Armed Reconnaissance - D/Bombers - Storage dump at Z-3392)
- (iii) NIL
(iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) NIL
(vii) NIL
(viii) 16
- C. NIL
- D. (i) 31:30
(ii) NIL

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- E. : (i) 28800 rounds 50 cal. APF.
(ii) 156
(iii) NIL
- F. : (i) 32 - 500# GP bombs (AM M103 nose, AN M101A2 tail)
(ii) 20 - (16 - Wooded area (storage dump) at Z-3392)
 (4 - Fuel Dump at Z-3284)
54 (iii) 12 - Outside bomb line due to report over R/T of enemy A/C
 in target vicinity.
(iv) NIL
- G. : NIL
- H. : NIL

Operations Order No. MEX-4.

1/3 D/B
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- A. : 12 F47Ds of the 397th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from ALG A-3 at 1806, 9 August 1944, to dive bomb Enemy Tanks and Artillery at T-915025. 12 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs (inst-ang nose, 1/40 tail fusing) and proceeded on mission as briefed. Arriving over target area at 1910, 12 A/C dove from 5000 feet at a 45 degree angle and at 2000 feet, 4 A/C dropped 2 bombs on intersection and Houses at T-888128; 8 A/C dropped 16 bombs on intersection and Houses at T-915025. Both targets were in the Forest d'Ecumes Area. Flight then left target area, landing at ALG A-3 at 1952. Bombing results were good with Houses at T-915025 and T-888128 destroyed. The top of Sourdval was noted to be on fire. The R/R Junction at T-8809 was observed to contain 15 box cars. No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. The flak at T-373030 (from 3 light guns) was light, weak and inaccurate. The weather was haze and smoke up to 7000 feet. Visibility was 5 miles.
- B. : (i) 12 F47Ds (D/Bombers)
(ii) 12 - (4 - D/Bombers - Road Junction and Houses at T-888128)
 (8 - D/Bombers - Road Junction and Houses at T-915025)
(iii) NIL
(iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) NIL
(vii) NIL
(viii) 12
- C. : NIL
- D. : (i) 23:00
(ii) NIL

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- E. : (i) 21600 rounds 50 cal. API.
(ii) NIL
(iii) NIL
- F. : (i) 24 - 500# GP bombs (AN M103 nose, AN M101A2 tail)
(ii) 24 - (8 - Road Junction at T-888128)
(16 - Road Junction at T-915025)
(iii) NIL
(iv) NIL
- G. : NIL
- H. : NIL

For the Commanding Officer:

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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 696, US Army,
12 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report, USAF Form 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th
Statistical Control Unit.
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, Attention
Statistical Control Section.
Commanding Officer, 84th Fighter Wing, Attention
Statistical Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : S E C R E T

Oprep A No. 103 for 24 hours ending sunset 10 August 1944.
Operations Order No. Y21-7, IX Tactical Air Command.

A : 12 P47Ds of the 368th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from AIG A-3 at 1255, 10 August 1944 to dive bomb 500 tanks in battle at V-540850, 16 miles east of Beaumont. 12 A/C each carried 2 x 500 #GP bombs (Inst. nose 1/40 tail fusing) and proceeded on mission as briefed. 12 A/C arrived at Forêt de-Perseigne at 2-5007-2-4505 at 1345, as requested by Controller, and dove from 5000 feet, at a 45° angle and at 2000 feet, released 24 bombs on possible supply dump over target area. 15 to 20 ME109s pressed attack by diving thru our formation over Forêt - 2-4505 at 3000 feet, at 1400. B/A made one pass at A/C and fled. Flight also strafed targets during bomb run. 12 A/C left target area, landing at AIG A-3 at 1615. Bombing results were unobserved. The tower at 2-5808 was strafed, 10 green camouflaged german vehicles and 40 other vehicles were observed on road, NE edge of forest-A-4504. Allied Tanks were noted at V-5286. No damaged or abortive A/C encountered. The weather over target was CAVU.

12 P47Ds of the 368th Fighter Squadron of this Group took off from AIG A-3 at 1304. 15 August 1944 to dive bomb 500 tanks in battle at V-550850, 16 miles east of Beaumont, 12 A/C each carried 2 x 500 #GP bombs (Inst nose 1/40 tail fusing) and proceeded on mission as briefed. Unable to find enemy activity at point indicated, flight attack woods and road junction at T-8407 at 1445. 8 A/C released 16 bombs on road junction and woods at T-8407. 4 A/C jettisoned 8 bombs in Channel. Flight of 12 A/C then left target area, landing at AIG A-3 at 1510. Bombing results on road junction and woods at T-8407 were unobserved. No abortive or B/A encountered. Our Tanks were observed to be on woods at east of Bounstable. This area

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- A : at V-6280 was being dive bombed by another group. U.S. Forces were then at V-3190-V-8678. The flak at T-5601 was light, weak and inaccurate. The weather was clear. 12 P47Ds of the 387th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from ALS A-3 at 1312, 10 August 1944 to dive bomb 500 tanks in battle at V-550850, 16 miles east of Beaumont. 12 A/C each carried 8 x 500 # Gp bombs (Inst nose 1/40 tail fusing) and proceeded on mission as briefed. Upon arriving at designated area, primary target could not be located and Flight selected target of opportunity. At 1446, 12 A/C dove from 8500 feet, at a 45° angle and at 8000 feet released 84 bombs on woods at E-7003 (Forêt de Belleme. Flight then left target area, landing at ALS A-3 at 1632. Bombing results on woods at E-7003 were unobserved. No damaged, abortive or S/A were encountered. Large American armored forces were noted along roads in vicinity of E-6601. The weather enroute to Mortain was 9/10 cumulus at 3 to 4000 feet. Visibility was unlimited.
- B : (i) 36 P47Ds (B/Bombers)
 (ii) 36 " (12-B/B - Woods at E-7003)
 (12-B/B - Forest at E-4506 & Road Junction at E-495070)
 (8-B/B - Road Junction & woods at T-8407)
 (4-B/B - Jettisoned bombs in Channel-Primary target erroneously given, as given by the controller target could not be located due to the fact pilots did not have maps of the specified target area.
- (iii) NIL
 (iv) NIL
 (v) NIL
 (vi) NIL
 (vii) NIL
 (viii) 36
- C : NIL
- D : (i) 28:00
 (ii) NIL
- E : (i) 64800 rounds 50 cal. AMT.
 (ii) 1761
 (iii) NIL
- F : (i) 72 - 500# GP Bombs (AN M103 nose, AN M101 AB-Tail)
 (ii) 64 - (24-woods at E-7003)
 (24-Forest at E-4506 - Road Junction at E-4950 - a position Supply Dump)
 (16-Road Junction & woods at T-8407)

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- F : (iii) Jettisoned by B/Bombers because original target was not located due to inaccurate report and the subsequent target as given by the controller was not located as pilots did not have map of the specified target area.
- (iv) NIL
- G : NIL
- H : NIL

Operations Order No. Y21-12, IX Tactical Air Command.

12 P47Ds of the 397th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from ALG A-3 at 2003, 10 August 1944 to drop delayed action bombs at crossroads at T-703145, T-628180 and T-622200, 12 A/C each carried 2x500 bombs delayed action fuse bombs -14-6 hr delay and 10-12 hr delay then proceeded on mission as briefed. Arriving over designated area at 2030, 12 A/C dove from 5000 feet, at a 60 degree angle then at 1800 feet released 23 bombs at various targets: 1 A/C dropped 1-6 hr bomb at T-626180, 1 A/C dropped 1-6 hr bomb and 1-12 hr bomb at T-624175; 1 A/C dropped 1-6 hr bomb and 1-12 hr delay bomb at T-123180; 2 A/C dropped 3-6 hr bombs and 1-12 hr bomb at T-622200; 1 A/C dropped 1-6 hr bomb and 1-12 hr bomb at T-622179; 3 A/C dropped 3-6 hr delay bombs and 3-12 hr delay bombs at T-703145. Due to type of bombs used, bombing results were unobserved. South of highway between St Sever Colvodes and Vire, Allied Artillery was observed to be firing to S.E. 2 A/C were damaged by flak no abortive or E/A encountered. The flak at T-626180 was light, weak and inaccurate; at T-620180 it was light, very intense and accurate, at Mortain it was light moderate and accurate. The weather was CAVU over target area.

12 P47Ds of the 398th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group, took off from ALG A-3 at 2003, 10 August 1944 to drop delayed action bombs at crossroads at T-677154 and T-664145. 12 A/C each carried 2x500 delay action bombs and proceeded on mission as briefed at 2030, 2 A/C dove from 2500 feet at a 70 degree angle and at 2000 feet released 20 bombs on various targets; 7 A/C dropped 7-6 hr delay bombs and 7-12 hr delay bombs at T-664145; 3 A/C dropped 4-12 hr delay action bombs and 2-6 hr delay action bombs at T-679153. one 6 hr delay bomb jettisoned at T-4223; 1-6 hr delay action bomb jettisoned at T-6223; 1-12 hr and 1-6 hr delay bombs jettisoned in Channel. Flight then left target area, landing at ALG A3 at 2117. Due to type of bomb used, bombing results were unobserved. Some confusion was encountered since other Groups were in the same

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A : area on this type mission also. German vehicles were reported to be at T-719023. 2 A/C were damaged by flak. No abortive or E/A encountered. The flak at T-664145 was light and heavy, very intense and accurate; at T-679156 it was light and heavy, very intense and accurate. Intense flak observed North of Ger.

12 P47Ds of the 396th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from AIG A-3 at 2005, 10 August 1944 to drop delayed action bombs at crossroads at T-630119, T-626134 and T-666130. 12 A/C each carried 2x500 delayed action bombs (12-6 hr and 12-12 hr delayed action bombs) and proceeded on mission as briefed. At 2030, 12 A/C dove from 10,000 feet, at a 70 degree angle and at 2000 feet released 27 bombs on various targets: 2 A/C dropped 6-6 hr delay action bombs and 8-12 hr delay action bombs on T-630119; 3 A/C dropped 3-6 hr and 3-12 hr delay action bombs at T-626134. One 6 hr and 1-12 hr delay action bombs were jettisoned in channel. Flight of 12 A/C left target area, landing at AIG A-3 at 2130. Due to type of bomb used results were unobserved. No damaged, abortive or E/A encountered, the flak from T-63-12- to T-67-14 was light, very intense accurate; heavy, moderate and accurate. The weather was CAVU.

B : (i) 36 P47Ds (D/Bombers)
 (ii) 36 " (1-D/B-T-626130)
 (1-D/B-T-624176)
 (1-D/B-T-623130)
 (2-D/B-T-622300)
 (1-D/B-T-625200)
 (3-D/B-T-622179)
 (3-D/B-T-703145)
 (3-D/B-T-679156)
 (8-D/B-T-664145)
 (1-D/B-T-4583)
 (8-D/B-T-630119)
 (4-D/B-T-626134)
 (iii) NIL
 (iv) NIL
 (v) NIL
 (vi) NIL
 (vii) 5-Damaged by flak
 3 - Cat. A
 2 - Cat. A-C
 (viii) 36

C : NIL

D : (i) 45:30
 (ii) NIL

E : (i) 64800 rounds 50 cal. API.

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- E : (11) 3304
(111) NIL
- F : (1) 72-500lbs bombs - 39-6hr delay fusing)
34-12hr delay fusing)
(11) 66 - (1-6hr delay fusing - T-626180)
(1-12hr " " " ")
(1-6hr delay fusing - T-624175)
(1-12hr " " " ")
(1-6hr delay fusing - T-623180)
(1-12hr " " " ")
(3-6hr delay fusing - T-622300)
(1-12hr " " " ")
(1-6hr delay fusing - T-626200)
(1-12hr " " " ")
(4-6hr delay fusing - T-622179)
(2-12hr " " " ")
(3-6hr delay fusing - T-706145)
(2-12hr " " " ")
(7-6hr delay fusing - T-664145)
(7-12hr " " " ")
(4-12hr " " " T-679156)
(2-6hr " " " ")
(2-6hr " " " T-630119)
(2-12hr " " " ")
(3-12hr " " " T-626134)
(3-6hr " " " ")
(1-6hr " " " T-4283)
- (111) G - (2-12 hr delay bombs)
(3-6 hr delay bombs)
- (iv) NIL
- G : NIL
- H : NIL

For the Commanding Officer:

Maurice D Powell
MAURICE D POWELL
 1st Lt., Air Corps
 Ass't Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 595, US ARMY,
13 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAF Form 34a.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical
Control Unit.
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical
Control Section.
Commanding Officer, 84th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical
Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : SECRET

Oprep A No. 163 for 24 hours ending sunset (11) August 1944.
Operations Order No. 134, IX Tactical Air Command.

A. Mission Y21-2. 12 P-51s of the 395th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from AIG A-3 at 1200, 11 August 1944 to dive bomb Ammunition Dump in Forest De Senoches Area (N-065163 - R-073141). 12 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs (instant nose, 1/40 tail fusing) and proceeded on mission as briefed. Shortly after take-off, one A/C aborted due to generator failure. 11 A/C arrived over Ammunition Dump at Forest De Senoches at 1240 and dove from 12000 feet at a 70 degree angle and at 5000 feet, released 22 bombs on target. Flight of 11 A/C then left target area, landing at AIG A-3 at 1335. Bombing results were good, with many large explosions and a large fire observed after bombing attack. A field artillery battle was noted at R-4585. No flak, damaged or E/A were encountered. The weather was 3/10 cumulus between 4 and 6000 feet. Visibility was excellent.

Mission Y21-3. 12 P-51s of the 396th Fighter Squadron of this Group took off from AIG A-3 at 1214, 11 August 1944 to dive bomb Fuel Dump in the Forest De Senoches Area, (R-064162 - R-073141). 12 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs (instant nose, 1/40 tail fusing). Arriving over target (Fuel dump at Forest De Senoches), 12 A/C dove from 7000 feet, at a 65 degree angle and at 2000 feet, released 24 bombs on target area. Flight of 12 A/C then left target area, landing at AIG A-3 at 1412. Bombing results were unobserved. NW end of target area appeared to be in flames and smoke from previous bombing attack of the 395th Fighter Squadron. Camouflaged installations were noted at R-1012. No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. The flak at W-3050 was weak, inaccurate and heavy. The weather was CAVU.

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A. : Mission Y21-4. 12 F47Ds of the 397th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from AIG A-3 at 1228, 11 August 1944 to dive bomb Ammunition Dump in the Forêt De Senoches Area (R-083144 - R-089137). 12 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs (instant nose, 1/40 tail fusing) and proceeded on mission as briefed. Arriving over target, Ammunition Dump at Forêt De Senoches, at 1318, 12 A/C dove from 5000 feet, at a 40 degree angle and at 1500 feet, released 24 bombs on Ammunition Dump at Forêt De Senoches. Flight of 12 A/C then left target area, landing at AIG A-3 at 1359. No direct hits were observed, although fires and smoke resulted after the bombing attack. Fires from previous bombing believed to have caused explosion of ammunition at T-078150. A gasoline explosion, east side of target area was also observed. No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. The flak southeast of Gaen was heavy, weak, inaccurate. The weather was CAVU.

Mission Y21-5. 12 F47Ds of the 395th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from AIG A-3 at 1439, 11 August 1944 to dive bomb a Gasoline Storage in the Forêt De Maintenon Area (R-0476167). 8 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs (instant nose, 1/40 tail fusing) and 4 A/C as escort and maintained top cover. Arriving over target area at 1508, 8 A/C dove from 9500 feet, at a 30 degree angle, pulling out at 3000 and at 3500 feet, released 16 bombs on target area (Fuel Dump and W/T at Maintenon). Flight of 12 A/C then left target area, landing at AIG A-3 at 1625. All bombs were dropped in the northern, center and southern section of target area. Target was observed to be in complete destruction. A R/W bridge at Q-2798 appeared to be in process of rebuilding. No activity was noted in observation of all A/Cs between Evereux and Breux. No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. The flak in woods, north of target was light, weak and inaccurate. The weather over target was CAVU.

Mission Y21-7. 11 F47Ds of the 397th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from AIG A-3 at 1453, 11 August 1944 to dive bomb Ammunition Dump in Woods at Q-426446. 11 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs (instant nose, 1/40 tail fusing) and proceeded on mission as briefed. Arriving over target, Ammunition dump at Q-426446, at 1522, 11 A/C dove from 10000 feet, at a 60 degree angle and at 2000 feet, released 22 bombs on target. Flight then left target area, landing at AIG A-3 at 1605. All bombs fell within target area. Black and white smoke was observed which is believed to have been caused by bombing attack. No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. Fires were observed at Q-400392. The weather was CAVU.

Mission Y21-6. 12 F47Ds of the 396th Fighter Squadron of this Group took off from AIG A-3 at 1526, 11 August 1944 to dive bomb Ammunition Stacks in Forêt De Maintenon (R-474176). 8 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs (instant nose, 1/40 tail fusing) and 4 A/C as escort and top cover. 8 A/C dove from 9500 feet, at a 70 degree angle and at 2000 feet, released 16 bombs on target area at R-474176. Flight also strafed half-track and W/Ts in vicinity of R-0918. Flight then left target area, landing at AIG A-3 at 1712. Bombing results were good, with all bombs falling in the target area. Smoke and explosions were observed. A small fire in NE corner of forest was also observed. Target appeared to be well hit by previous bombing attacks. 12 to 15 W/Ts (9 with red crosses) similar to

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- A. : weapon carriers, were seen on road at R-2918. Smoke was still observed from forest near Senoches, R-0716. Secondary bridges over R/R east of target at R-4818 and R-5018 were observed to be in use. No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. The flak in area at R-474176 was weak moderate and inaccurate - light and heavy. The weather was 1/10 to 2/10 base - 4000 feet - tops 4500 feet. Visibility was unlimited.
- B. : (i) 71 H47Ds (63 - D/Bombers - 8 Escorts)
(ii) 70 - (11 - D/Bombers - Ammunition dump at Foret de Senoches - R-065163, R-073141)
(12 - D/Bombers - Fuel Dump - Foret de Senoches - R-064162, to R-073141)
(12 - D/Bombers - Ammunition dump at Forest de Senoches - R-083144 - R-081142 - R-089137)
(8 - D/Bombers - M/Y and Fuel dump at Maintenon)
(4 - Escort to above 8 D/Bombers)
(11 - D/Bombers - Ammunition dump - Woods at Q-426446)
(8 - D/Bombers - Ammunition Stacks - Foret de Mapntenon - R-474176)
(4 - Escort to above 8 D/Bombers)
(iii) 1 - D/Bomber - (c) - Generator case was cracked, causing it to short out.
(iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) NIL
(vii) 1 - Flak, Cat. A.
(viii) 70
- C. : NIL
- D. : (i) 130:30
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 127800 rounds 50 cal. API.
(ii) 6067
(iii) NIL
- F. : (i) 126 - 500# GP bombs (AN M103 nose, AN M101A2 tail)
(ii) 124 - (22 - Ammunition dump at Foret de Senoches - R-065163 to R-073141)
31 (24 - Fuel dump - Foret de Senoches - R-064162 to R-073141)
(24 - Ammunition dump at Foret de Senoches - R-083144 - R-089137 - R-081142)
(16 - M/Y and Fuel dump at Maintenon)
(22 - Ammunition dump - Woods at Q-426446)
(16 - Ammunition Stacks at Foret de Mapntenon - R-474176)
(iii) 2
(iv) NIL

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C. : NIL
H. : NIL

Other Claims:

M/T 2-0-0
Tank 1-0-0
Half track 1-0-0

Mission No. 421-15, IX Tactical Air Command.

A. 12 B-7Ds of the 397th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from AIG A-3 at 1945, 11 August 1944 to dive bomb with delayed action bombs, Road Junctions at T-718184, T-727180, T-755143 and T-744135. 2 A/C aborted shortly after take-off; one due to radio failure and 1 due to hydraulic system (one wheel would not respond). 12 A/C each carried 2x500# GP delayed action fuse bombs (10 - 1 hour delay, 11 - 6 hour delay and 3 - 12 hour delay bombs). 10 A/C arrived over designated area at Road Junctions at 2000. Diving from 10000 feet, at a 50 degree angle, and at 5000 feet, 5 A/C released 3 - 1 hour, 1 - 12 hour and 4 - 6 hour delayed action bombs at T-718184; 2 A/C dropped 2 - 1 hour and 1 - 6 hour delayed action bombs at T-755143; 3 A/C dropped 2 - 1 hour, 1 - 12 hour and 3 - 6 hour delay action bombs at T-744135. Flight then left target area landing at AIG A-3 at 2047. Due to type of bombs used, bombing results were unobserved. C-47s escorted by P51s were seen dropping supplies (by parachutes) at T-5616. Enemy vehicles were observed at T-7114. No damaged abortive or E/A were encountered. The flak west of target area was light, intense and accurate; east of Mrtain it was heavy, intense and accurate. The weather was haze up to 8000 feet. Visibility was 6 miles.

12 B-7Ds of the 396th Fighter Squadron of this Group took off from AIG A-3 at 2022, 11 August 1944 to dive bomb with delayed action bombs, Road Junctions at T-668142, T-666129, T-701137 and T-682145. 12 A/C each carried 2x500# GP delayed action bombs (12 - 6 hour, and 12 - 1 hour delayed action bombs). Arriving over target area at 2025, 12 A/C dove from 8000 feet, at a 45 degree angle and at 4000 feet, 2 A/C released 2 - 1 hour and 2 - 6 hour delayed action bombs at T-668142; 4 A/C dropped 3 - 1 hour and 4 - 6 hour delayed action bombs at T-666129; 4 A/C dropped 4 - 1 hour and 3 - 6 hour delayed action bombs at T-701137; 2 A/C dropped 2 - 1 hour and 2 - 6 hour delayed action bombs at T-682145. Flight of 12 A/C then left target area, landing at AIG A-3 at 2115. Due to type of bombs used, bombing results were unobserved. Upon landing at home base, the AIG was notified of two bombs - 1 - 6 hour delay dropped at T-674057 and 1 - 1 hour delay action bomb dropped at T-6512. These two bombs were dropped after a temporary hangup. A large battle was observed to be in progress at Mrtain. The town of St Hilaire appeared to be in flames. No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. The flak over target area was light, intense and accurate, also heavy, moderate and inaccurate. The weather was haze up to 6000 feet. Visibility was poor.

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- A. : 12 P47Ds of the 395th Fighter Squadron of this Group, took off from AIG A-3 at 1955, 11 August 1944 to dive bomb with delayed action bombs Road Junctions at T-626124, T-6441122, T-652154 and T-664178. 12 A/C each carried 2x500# delayed action bombs-(2 - 12 hour delay, 12 - 6 hour delay and 10 - 1 hour delayed action bombs). Arriving over target area at 2015, 12 A/C dove from 9500 feet, at a 70 degree angle and at 5000 feet, 6 A/C released 2 - 12 hour delay, 6 - 6 hour delay and 4 - 1 hour delayed action bombs at T-6441122. 6 A/C dropped 6 - 6 hour delay bombs and 6 - 1 hour delay action bombs at T-628127. Targets T-652154 and T-664178 were scrubbed by the controller. Flight of 12 A/C then left target area, landing at AIG A-3 at 2100. Due to type of bombs used, results were unobserved. The town of Sourdeval, T-604190 was observed to be in flames. Many fires were noted to be burning in wooded areas in Mortain - Ger sectors. 12 C-47s were observed to be dropping supplies by chutes at T-5518. No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. The flak at Foret de Mortain - T-6209 was heavy, weak and inaccurate; at Ger - T-698139 it was heavy and light, weak and inaccurate. The weather was haze up to 6-7000 feet. Visibility was 1 to 2 miles in the sun and 5 to 6 miles away from the sun.
- B. : (i) 36 P47Ds (D/Bombers)
(ii) 34 - (10 - D/Bombers - Road Junction at T-7184, T-755143 and T-744135)
(12 - D/Bombers - Road Junction - T-668142, T-666129, T-701137 and T-682145)
(12 - D/Bombers - Road Junction at T-641122 and T-628127)
(iii) 2 - 1 - (c) Radio "D" channel became out of tune.
1 - (c) Hydraulic System leaked - one wheel failed to retract.
(iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) NIL
(vii) NIL
(viii) 34
- C. : NIL
- D. : (i) 48:00
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 64800 rounds 50 cal. API.
(ii) 280
(iii) NIL
- F. : (i) 72 - 500# GP bombs - delayed action fuses.
(32 - 1 hour delay)
(35 - 6 hour delay)
(5 - 12 hour delay)

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- F. : (ii) 2 - 6 hour delay /
- 2 - 1 hour delay /- T-668142
- 3 - 1 hour delay /
- 4 - 6 hour delay /- T-666129
- 4 - 1 hour delay /
- 3 - 6 hour delay /- T-701137
- 2 - 1 hour delay /
- 2 - 6 hour delay /- T-682145
- 2 - 12 hour delay /
- 6 - 6 hour delay /
- 4 - 1 hour delay /- T641122
- 6 - 6 hour delay /
- 6 - 1 hour delay /- T-628127
- 1 - 12 hour delay /
- 4 - 6 hour delay /
- 3 - 1 hour delay /- T-718184
- 2 - 1 hour delay /
- 1 - 6 hour delay /- T-755143
- 1 - 12 hour delay /
- 3 - 6 hour delay /
- 2 - 1 hour delay /- T-744135
- (iii) 9 - 4 - 1 hour delayed bombs
- 4 - 6 hour delayed bombs
- 1 - 12 hour delayed bomb
- (4 bombs - 3 - 1 hour and 1 - 6 hour bombs dropped by 2 abortive A/C)
- (iv) NIL
- G. : NIL
- H. : NIL

For the Commanding Officer:

Maurice D Powell
 MAURICE D POWELL
 1st Lt., Air Corps,
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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 525, US Army,
15 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprop A Report. USAAF Form 34.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical
Control Unit.
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical
Control Section.
Commanding Officer, 8th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical
Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : SECRET

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Oprop A No. 165 for 24 hours ending sunset 12 August 1944.
Operations Order No. 121-2, IX Tactical Air Command.

4. : 8 F47Ds of the 395th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from AIG A-3 at 1111, 12 August 1944, to perform Armored Column Cover for the 2nd Armored Division and to penetrate up to 20 miles in search of enemy activity. 8 A/C each carried 2x500^{lb} GP bombs (instant nose and 1/40 tail fusing) and proceeded on mission as briefed. Arriving over target area, concentration of 10 tanks in the vicinity of Chenu (T-781188) at 1330, 8 A/C dove from 7000 feet, at a 70 degree angle and at 1500 feet, released 16 bombs on target area at Chenu (T-781188). Flight also strafed target during bomb run. Flight of 8 A/C then left target area, landing at AIG A-3 at 1412. Bombing results were good with all bombs falling on target area. Many tanks and W/Ts were destroyed and damaged (see section II). One M 109 was observed at T-5760 at 4000 feet, going east and was reported to the Controller. No damaged or abortive A/C were encountered. The flak at T-781188 was light, weak and inaccurate; at T-3622 it was heavy, weak and inaccurate. The weather was haze up to 8000 feet. Visibility was 2 miles.

5 F47Ds of the 395th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from AIG A-3 at 1400, 12 August 1944, to perform Armored Column Support for the 2nd Armored Division and to penetrate up to 20 miles in advance of column in search of enemy activity. 4 A/C each carried 2x500^{lb} GP bombs (instant nose, 1/40 tail fusing) and 4 A/C as escort and top cover. 8 A/C arrived over target area T-781143 (containing W/Ts and a fuel or ammunition dump) at 1445. 4 A/C dove from 5000 feet, at a 90 degree angle and at 1500 feet, released 8 bombs on area at T-781143.

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A. : Flight also strafed target area during bomb run. Flight of B A/C then left target area, landing at A/C A-3 at 1518. Bombing results were good with all bombs falling on target area. M/Ts and field pieces were hit and 2 large fires were observed, believed to be a fuel or ammunition dump. 50 plus white panels were noted in area NW of Ger, believed to be horse drawn vehicles. Many yellow panels were noted in area at T-677023. No damaged, abortive or E/A encountered. The flak at T-726175 was light weak and inaccurate. The weather was haze from deck to 8000 feet - 3/10 cumulus between 4 and 7000 feet. Visibility was 5 miles.

- B. : (i) 16 F47Ds (12 - Tank Column Cover - D/Bombers)
 (h - Escorts)
 (ii) 16 (8 - D/Bombers - Cover - Concentration of enemy tanks - Chanu - T-721183)
 (h - D/Bombers - Cover - 6 M/Ts and field pieces at T-721143)
 (h - Escort to abortive h D/Bombers)
 (iii) NIL
 (iv) NIL
 (v) NIL
 (vi) NIL
 (vii) NIL
 (viii) 16

C. : NIL

D. : (i) 28:45
 (ii) NIL

E. : (i) 28800 rounds 50 cal. A.T.
 (ii) 3184
 (iii) NIL

F. : (i) 2h - 500# GP bombs (AN M103 nose, AN M101A2 tail)
 (ii) 2h - (16 - 10 Tanks at Chanu (T-721183)
 (8 - 6 M/Ts and field pieces at T-721143)
 (iii) NIL
 (iv) NIL

G. : NIL

H. : NIL

Other Claims:
 M/Ts 8-0-3
 Tanks 5-0-1

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Operation Order No. 170-10.

8 F47Ds of the 39th Fighter Squadron of the 360th Fighter Group took off from ALC A-3 at 1434, 12 August 1968 to perform armored column cover for the 2nd Armored Division and to penetrate up to 20 miles in advance of columns in search of enemy activity. 4 A/C each carried 2500 lb GP bombs (incant nose, 1/20 tail finia) and 4 A/C as escort and top cover. 2 A/C arrived over target area - T-668123 - T-668133 at 1530. 4 A/C dove from 1200 feet, at a 25 degree angle and at 1200 feet, released 6 bombs on vehicles and houses in target area. Flight also strafed target during bomb run and at various other points. Flight of 2 A/C then left target area, landing at ALC A-3 at 1627. Three or four military vehicles and warehouses were destroyed by bombing attack. Vehicles with white panels were observed as of Ger. No damaged, abortive or F/A encountered. Armored vehicles were seen on secondary roads at T-668118, T-668119 and T-668123 in the vicinity of Ger. The flash at T-668133 was light, weak and inaccurate. The weather was h/10 between 5500 and 6500 feet. Visibility was fair.

- B. : (1) 8 F47Ds (4 - Tank Column Cover - 2/numbers)
(2) 4 - Escorts to above 2/numbers
- C. : (1) 8 - (4 - 2/numbers - Cover - T-668123 and T-668133)
(2) - Escorts
- D. : (iii) NIL
(iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) NIL
(vii) NIL
(viii) 2
- E. : NIL
- F. : (1) 14:15
(ii) NIL
- G. : (1) 14:30 rounds 50 cal. AP.
(ii) 200
(iii) NIL
- H. : (1) 8 - 2500 lb GP bombs (AN M103 nose, AN M101AS tail)
(ii) 6 - (Vehicles and houses at T-668123 and T-668133)
(iii) 2
(iv) NIL
- I. : NIL
- J. : NIL

Other Claims:
M/T 340-0
Halftrack 0-0-2

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Operations Order No. 135, Par. 5.

8 P47Ds of the 37th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from AIG A-3 at 1651, 12 August 1944 on an armed reconnaissance mission in the Flers area. 8 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs (instant nose, 1/40 tail fusing) and proceeded on mission as briefed. 8 A/C arrived over target area at 1730. Diving from 4000 feet, at a 50 degree angle and at 1800 feet, released 16 bombs on target area at Flers. The flight then left target area, landing at AIG A-3 at 1900. Hits were observed on 20 plus tanks at T-970270. 4 tanks were destroyed and 5 were damaged. Hits were also noted on highway at T-910277. Houses were destroyed and a large fire (possibly fuel or ammunition) was noted at T-915026 after bombing attack. White panel vehicles were noted between Barentan and Tinchrey. One A/C was damaged by flak. No abortive or E/A were encountered. The flak at Flers was heavy and light, moderate and inaccurate; at T-780270 it was light, moderate and inaccurate. The weather was 4/10 cumulus at 5000 feet to 7000 feet. Visibility was poor.

12 P47Ds of the 395th Fighter Squadron of this Group, took off from AIG A-3 at 1719, 12 August 1944 to perform an armed reconnaissance mission in the Flers general area (T-7821 - U-0203). 12 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs (instant nose, 1/40 tail fusing) and proceeded on mission as briefed. 12 A/C arrived over target area at Flers at 1745. Diving from 3500 feet, at a 60 degree angle and at 1000 feet, 12 A/C released 24 bombs on various targets in the Flers area. Flight also strafed various targets in 10 to 12 mile area in vicinity of Flers. Flight of 12 A/C then left target area, landing at AIG A-3 at 1915. Many tanks, 1/2s, gun positions and halftracks were destroyed and damaged (see section U). Enemy units were seen moving east from Flers - traveling in small units and intermingling with French civilians. White panels were noted to be used by majority of the vehicles. 3 A/C were damaged by flak. One pilot of one of the damaged A/C was hit by light flak. No abortive or E/A were encountered. The flak at T-8915 was light and heavy, intense and accurate; at T-8602 (Flers) it was light, and heavy, intense and accurate. The weather was 5/10 cumulus - haze to 4500 feet. Visibility 1/2 to 2 miles.

12 P47Ds of the 396th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from AIG A-3 at 1703, 12 August 1944 to perform an armed reconnaissance mission in the Flers area. 12 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs (instant nose, 1/40 tail fusing) and proceeded on mission as briefed. Arriving over target area, east of Mortain at 1730, 12 A/C dove from 7000 feet, at a 70 degree angle and at 2000 feet, released 24 bombs on various targets. Flight also strafed targets during bomb run. 12 A/C then left target area, landing at AIG A-3 at 1850. Bombing results were good with a machine gun and heavy gun position at T-695105 probably destroyed; a tank was left burning at T-615110; 2 tanks damaged at T-695100; 88 mm mobile gun damaged at T-689133; large vehicles were damaged at T-753142; many vehicles with white panels were observed on road east of Mortain. A P47D, labeled "P" on side of A/C was seen heading west and going down at T-62091. One A/C was damaged by flak. No abortive or E/A encountered. Flak over the target was light, intense and accurate. The weather was 4/10 cumulus between 6 - 7500 feet. Visibility was poor.

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11 PW7Ds of the 347th Fighter Squadron of this Group took off from AIG A-3 at 1938, 12 August 1944 on an armed reconnaissance mission in the Tier area. 11 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs (instant nose, 1/10 tail fusing) and proceeded on mission as briefed. 11 A/C arrived over target area at T-66129 at 1930. 11 A/C dove from 7000 feet, at a 45 degree angle and at 1500 feet, released 20 bombs on convoy of 50 vehicles (W/Ts - 25 - 30 tanks included). Flight also strafed targets during bomb run. Leaving the target area at 2000, 11 A/C landed at AIG A-3 at 2034. Bombing results were good with approximately 12 tanks destroyed and 11 W/Ts damaged. One A/C was damaged by flak. No abortive or E/A were encountered. 50 vehicles were seen in woods in vicinity of T-660132. The flak at T-660130 and area west and northeast were heavy, moderate and accurate; east of T-660130 was light, intense and accurate. The weather was 5/10 cumulus at 5500 - 7000 feet. Visibility was poor.

12 PW7Ds of the 347th Fighter Squadron of this Group took off from AIG A-3 at 1938, 12 August 1944 on an armed reconnaissance mission in the Ger area. 12 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs (instant nose, 1/10 tail fusing) and proceeded on mission as briefed. Shortly after take-off, one A/C aborted due to engine trouble (low RPM). 11 A/C arrived over target area at 2030 and diving from 6000 feet, at a 60 degree angle and at 2000 feet, released 22 bombs on target area, (W/Ts and guns on road at T-690134). Flight also strafed German Headquarters between T-691091 - T-705092, as requested by ground contact. Flight of 11 A/C then left target area, landing at AIG A-3 at 2145. Bombing results were excellent with 3 ambulances and 2 gunboats towed by two other ambulances, destroyed at T-690134. Ger was attacked by 3 A/C which destroyed 10 to 12 W/Ts there. Towed guns which appeared like carts were noted going east and west out of Ger at T-69097. No damaged or E/A were encountered. The flak at T-615250 was heavy and intense. The weather was very hazy with poor visibility.

12 PW7Ds of the 395th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from AIG A-3 at 2010, 12 August 1944 on an armed reconnaissance mission in Mortain area. 12 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs (instant nose, 1/10 tail fusing) and proceeded on mission as briefed. Arriving over target area at 2100, 12 A/C dove from 5000 feet, at a 70 degree angle and at 1000 feet, released 24 bombs in NE corner of woods at T-92004 and T-92003. Flight of 12 A/C then left target area, landing at AIG A-3 at 2125. Bombing results were good with all bombs falling in target area. 6 bombs fell at T-92003 and several flare bombs and a fire were observed. No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. The flak north and southeast of Ger was light, weak and inaccurate. The weather was haze up to 6000 feet. Visibility was very poor.

- (1) 67 PW7Ds (Armed Reconnaissance - D/Bombers)
 (11) 66 (8 - Recc. - D/Bombers - 20 plus tanks at T-70270, T-610027
 T-915024 and T-913023)
 (12 - Recc. - D/Bombers - W/Ts and tanks from T-635105 to
 T-925012)
 (12 - Recc. - D/Bombers - W/Ts from T-7515 to T-9118)
 (11 - Recc. - D/Bombers - Tanks and W/Ts at T-666129 and
 T-665126)

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- B. : (11) (11 - 1000. - 2/Bombers - 1/20 - T-20123 and German Headquarters at T-2000)
- (12 - 1000. - 2/Bombers - NE corner of woods at T-2000 and T-2000)
- (111) 1 - (a) Because of engine trouble (1st 2000)
- (iv) NIL
- (v) NIL
- (vi) NIL
- (vii) 5 - Damaged by fire; 2 Cat. 1.; 3 Cat. 10.
- (viii) 16
- . : NIL
- . : (1) 117:00
- (11) NIL
- . : (1) 120000 rounds 50 cal. AMT.
- (11) 12015
- (111) NIL
- . : (1) 134 - 5000 GP bombs (AMT 1000 each, 1/10 - AM 20000 ball fuses)
- (11) 127 - (16 - 20 plus tanks - T-7270) - highway at T-21007) - road junction at T-21006)
- > (20 - 2/70, gun position - T-21005, 2 tanks at T-21006, mobile 80mm. - T-21003, 2 large vehicles - T-21002, road junction at T-21001)
- (21 - ammunition truck - T-2110, 1/70 - T-2113 - T-2110 and T-2110)
- (22 - 2 tanks, 1/70 - T-21100, armed vehicles T-21100)
- (23 - 5 ambulances - 2 guns - T-21100, 10 - 12 1/70 - Car)
- (24 - loaded area - T-2000)
- 6 - Road junction - T-2000)
- (111) 1
- (iv) NIL
- 3 - returned to base.
- C. : NIL
- D. : NIL

Other Claims:

1/70	26-11-26
Tanks	9-1-19
1/10 truck	1-2-6

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Operations Order No. 751-4

- A. : 12 F4Us of the 366th Fighter Squadron of the 36th Fighter Group took off from AIG A-3 at 1115, 12 August 1944 to escort and maintain top cover for 1-000 to an ammunition dump at Les Yvetours. Shortly after take-off, 12 A/C aborted by order from 36th Fighter Wing.

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- A. : 10 A/B then landed at AIG A-3 at 1130. No damage, or V/A were encountered. The weather was haze up to 1000 feet, visibility was 2 miles.
- B. : (i) 10 A/Bs - (Secret and Top Cover for A-CBs)
(ii) NIL
(iii) 10 - (8) recalled by order from 38th Fighter Wing.
(iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) NIL
(vii) NIL
(viii) NIL
- C. : NIL
- D. : (i) 7:15
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 21000 rounds 30 cal. AT.
(ii) NIL
(iii) NIL
- F. : NIL
- G. : NIL
- H. : NIL

For the Commanding Officer:

Francis D. Powell
FRANCIS D. POWELL
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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AIG 595, US Army,
15 August 1944

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit.
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical Control Section.
Commanding General, 70th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

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Oprep A No. 166 for 24 hours ending sunset 13 August 1944.
Operations Order No. 130, par 3, IX Tactical Air Command.

A. : The 368th Fighter Group furnished armored column cover for the 3rd Armored Division. A flight of four P-47Ds covered the combat Command "A" and another flight of four P-47Ds gave cover to combat Command "B". All flights took off from AIG-1-3 and landed at AIG-1-3. Missions were accomplished on 13 August 1944. The following is the narrative of the operations.

FLIGHT NO.	TAKE OFF	LANDING	TARGET	TIME OVER TARGET	BOMBING HEIGHT	RESULTS
1.	1002	1147	Tanks & M/TAT Z 1089	1100	8000 1500 65°	Excellent
2.	1000	1208	M/Ts N. W. of Alencon	1030	5000 1000 65°	
3.	1135	1335	Tanks & M/T AT Z1699 M/T at Z202975	1200	2500 1500 30	
4.	1132	1315	Forest at Z527058	1205	3000 1000 30	Results Observed

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FLIGHT NO.	TAKE OFF	LANDING	TARGET	TIME OVER TARGET	BOMBING HEIGHT	RESULTS
5.	1300	1513	Town of Argentan U 2719	1455	4000 1500 45	None observed
6.	1305	1455	Gun emplace- ment, BLDGS, M/T at U-2016	1430	6000 2000 45	
7.	1433	1617	Tanks at U-1035	1545 1545		Excellent
8.	1429	1627	M/T at U1308	1500		
9.	1556	1745	Roads & Tanks at U190301- U251326	1625		
10.	1605	1803	M/T Supply dump at U-125057	1640	3000 1000 50	
11.	1731	1913	M/T Vicinity of U-031244	1755		
12.	1741	1952	Tanks at Vicinity of U-350005	1900		
13.	1834	2049	Road & Forest at U-360008	2000		
14.	1934	2135	M/Ts Highway at U-057372	2000		
15.	1830	2027	Tanks in Area of U 1204	1945		
16.	1934	2119	Tanks at U-2720	2000		

Visibility throughout the missions was generally CAVU with haze building up as the day progressed. No enemy aircraft were encountered on any of the missions.

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- (1) 64 - 147D (Armored Column Cover - B/Bombers)
- (ii) 62 - 14 Tank Cover-B/Bomber - W/T at E 1089
- " " " " - " 's R. of Alencón
- " " " " - Tanks & W/T at E 1699
- " " " " - Forest at E 527058
- " " " " - Town of Argentan
- " " " " - Gun emplacements & W/T (U-2016)
- " " " " - Tanks at U-1035
- (3) " " " " - W/T at U-1308
- (4) " " " " - Tanks at U690301 & W/T at U291326
- " " " " - Supply Dump, W/T U-125057
- " " " " - W/T Vicinity of U-031244
- " " " " - Tanks Vicinity of U-350009
- " " " " - W/T's at U-057372
- (3) " " " " - Forest at U-360008
- (4) " " " " - Tanks at U1204
- " " " " - Tanks at U2720

- (iii) 1. (c) Becker b x gasket blew out.
- (iv) 111
- (v) 111
- (vi) 1 1/2 crashed at U-070308 - Flak.
- (vii) 1 - Flak Cat. 1.
- (viii) 63

C : VII.

- (i) 13245.
- (ii) 111.

- (i) 115,200 rns 50 Cal.
- (ii) 37863
- (iii) 1800

- (i) 99 260 - 260 Frag Bombs.
- 99 500/ G Bomb (nose ANA 103 - Tail ANA 101 A2)
- 14 100 White Phosphorus Bomb.
- (ii) 77 260 Frag Bombs.
- 76 500/ G Bomb.
- 13 100 White Phosphorus Bomb.

- 8 x 260 Frag and 4x 500 G Bombs - W/T's at E-1089.
- 8 x 260 " " " " - W/T's Vicinity Alencón.
- 8 x 260 " " " " - Tanks at -1699.
- 8 x 260 " " " " - Forest at 527058.
- 8 x 260 " " " " - Town of Argentan.
- 8 x 260 " " " " - Gun emplacement W/T at U-2016
- 6 x 260 " " 3 "500 " " - Tanks at U-1035.
- 8 x 260 " " 4x 500 " " - W/Ts at U-1308.
- 8 x 260 " " " " - Tanks at U-190301 to 206277.
- 8 x 260 " " " " - W/Ts at U-291326.
- 8 x 260 " " " " - Supply Dump W/T at U-125057.

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- (ii) 8 x 260 Frag and 4 x 500 GP Bombs - A/Ts at Vicinity of U-031244.
- 1 x 260 " " 4 x 500 " " - Tanks at U-350005.
- 6 x 500 GP Bombs & 3 x 100 White Phosphorus - Road & forest U-360009.
- 8 x 500 GP Bombs & 4 x 100 White Phosphorus - A/Ts on highway at U-057372.
- 7 x 500 GP Bombs & 2 x 100 White Phosphorus - Tanks & A/T U-1204.
- & 3 x 200 Frag.
- 8 x 500 GP Bombs & 4 x 100 White Phosphorus - Tanks at U-2720.
- (iii) All.
- (iv) 2 x 260 Frag Bombs.
- 1 x 500 GP Bomb.
- Returned to Base.
- 2 x 500 GP Bomb.
- 1 x 100 White Phosphorus.

1. A/C 1st Lt. Clarence H. Olson, 0678908 was last seen near Leifard, France. U-070368. He was preparing to attack enemy gun emplacements when approximately 30 seconds later, his plane was seen on its back and a parachute was seen falling from it. The A/C hit the ground & exploded. Parachute landed in a field. Later when the field was searched neither parachute nor pilot could be seen. A/C is believed to have been hit by flak which was quite heavy in this area.

- ALL OTHER GRADES
- A/T-----82-1-37
 - Tank-----15-2-10
 - Jeep-----3-0-0
 - Staff Car-----15-0-1
 - Track-----19-0-2
 - Armored Vehicle 19-0-18

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Operations Order no. Y21-11, IX Tactical Air Command.

A. Four PA7Ds of the 397th Fighter Sq. of the 368th Fighter Group took off from AIG-43 at 1853, 13 August 1944, to execute high altitude delayed action bombing as vectored by the controller. Each A/C was loaded with 1 x 500 GP Bomb (1 hour delay fuses), & 1 x 500 GP bomb (6 hour delay fusing). Flight proceeded as briefed and were vectored by Sweepstakes at 1940 to drop bombs at 10000 feet over a good sized city believed to be Fiers. Flight returned to AIG-43 at 2005. Results of bombing unobserved. No flak or enemy A/C encountered. The weather was CAVU.

* All bombs were released on target when told to do so by the controller.

Four PA7Ds of the 395th Fighter Sq. of the 368th Fighter Group took off from AIG-43 at 1918, 13 August 1944, to execute high altitude delayed action bombing as vectored by the controller. Each A/C was loaded with 2 x 500 GP bombs (one bomb with 1 hour delay fusing).

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- A. : the other with 6 hour delay fusing). Flight proceed on mission and was vectored into position by the controller and released at 10,000 feet all the bombs in target area at T-9534 at 2034. Flight returned to ALO-A3 at 2034. No bombing results observed. No flak or E/A were encountered. The weather was haze with stratus at 6000 feet, poor visibility.

Four B47Ds of the 396th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from ALO-A3 at 2000, 13 August 1944 to execute high altitude delayed action bombing as vectored by the controller. Each A/C carried 2 x 500 G. bombs (one bomb with 1 hour fusing & the other one 6 hour delay fusing). Flight proceeded as briefed and was vectored by sweepstakes over a target thought to be west of Falaise. At 2045 all bombs except one (1 hour fusing) were dropped from 10,000 feet on target designated by controller. Flight returned to ALO-A3 at 2128. Bombing results unobserved. No E/A were encountered. Flak over target area was heavy, moderate and fairly accurate. The weather was hazy & smoky with fair visibility.

- B. : (i) 12. B47D (High Altitude bombers)
(ii) 14. (A vectored over target thought to be Fiers)
(4 " " " " area at T-9534)
(4 " " " " " thought to be west of Falaise)
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 14
- C. : Nil
- D. : (i) 21600 rds 50 Cal AP. I.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.
- E. : (i) 1800
(ii) Nil
- F. : (i) 24 500# G. bombs (12-1 hour delay fusing & 12-6 hour delay fuse).
(ii) 23 (4-1 hour & 4-6 hour) target believed to be Fiers, France.)
(4-1 hour & 4-6 hour) target area at T-9534).
(2-1 hour & 4-6 hour) target believed to be west of Falaise).
All targets were designated by controller and bombed from 10000 feet.
(iii) 1 - (1 hour fusing).
(iv) Nil.
- G. : Nil
- H. : Nil

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HEADQUARTERS
368th FIGHTER GROUP

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AFG 595, US Army,
17 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprop A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit.
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical Control Section.
Commanding Officer, 34th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

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Oprop A No. 167 for 24 hours ending sunset 14 August 1944.
Operations Order No. 140, Mission Y21-5, IX Tactical Air Command.

A. : 8 B-7Ds of the 395th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from AIG A-3 at 1016, 14 August 1944 to execute armed reconnaissance in the area of Forêt D'Andaine, east of Domfront. Each A/C carried 2x500# GP bombs (instant nose, 1/40 tail fusing). Flight of 8 A/C proceeded as briefed, arriving over area at 1035. 8 A/C dove from 4000 feet at a 55 degree angle and at 1000 feet, released 8x500# GP bombs on what was thought to be a fuel dump and W/Ts at T-925007, and released 8x500# GP bombs on W/Ts at different locations. One A/C struck a tree at T-9003 while strafing and crashed. Flight strafed W/Ts and tanks at various points. 7 A/C returned to AIG A-3 at 1220. Fuel dump was hit and 2 W/Ts were destroyed. Results on other W/Ts that were bombed extended to 3 damaged. 2 A/C received light flak damage. No E/A were encountered. The flak at U-309557 was light, moderate and accurate. Haze was up to 4000 feet. Visibility 20 miles.

Operations Order No. 140, Mission Y21-2, IX Tactical Air Command.

The 368th Fighter Group conducted an armed reconnaissance in area bounded by Broglie (C-7470) - Laigle - along bomb line to Trun along along bomb line to U-2026 - to Balaise to C-4674 to Broglie. Flights of 8 A/C each took off and landed at AIG A-3. The missions were executed on 14 August 1944. The following is a narrative of the operations:

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Mission No.	A/C Dispatched	Take-off	Landing	Target	Time over target	Results
1.	8	1232	1428	30 ton tank at U-2618 - Strong point at U-3338.	1330	Excellent
2.	8	1318	1504	Road - Woods U-306325 - M/Ts - U-303302	1345	
3.	8	1401	1608	Flek Position - U-085164 M/Ts - U-0602	1500	
4.	8	1538	1724	Supply Dump NW of Gace Q-5549 - Tank - U-230518	1645	Good
5.	8	1615	1810	Four-De-Bois - U-105012 - 11 M/Ts at U-692947 and Q-411601	1640	
6.	8	1720	1917	Tanks at - U-296527, U-306521, U-285516	1755	
7.	8	1805	2003	42 M/Ts in vicinity of Q-7054.	1930	
8.	8	1932	2128	Oil and ammunition stores at Q-501715 6 M/T - Q-475740	2000	

The visibility throughout the mission was generally CAVU, with haze building up gradually to 7000 feet. No abortive or E/A were encountered.

- B.
- (i) 72 - F47Ds (Armed Reconnaissance and D/Bombers)
 - (ii) 74 - (D/Bombers - attached ground targets)
 - (iii) NIL
 - (iv) NIL
 - (v) NIL
 - (vi) 1 - A/C was seen to strike a tree at T-9003 while strafing. A/C was seen to crash.
 - (vii) 5 - 4 - Damaged by flek, 2 Cat. AC.; 2 Cat. A.
1 - Damaged by 20 mm., Cat. AC.
 - (viii) 72

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- C. : NIL
- D. : (i) 150:00
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 129600 rounds 50 cal. API.
(ii) 34529
(iii) 1800
- F. : (i) 80 - 500# GP bombs (AN M103 nose, AN M101A2 tail fusing)
384 - M8A1 - Frag Clusters (6x20# frag bombs per cluster)
(ii) 79 - 500# GP Bombs:
382 - Frag Clusters:
 - (8x500# GP bombs - Fuel Dump - T-925067)
 - (8x500# GP bombs - W/Ts in vicinity of T-925067)
 - (8x500# GP bombs - Tanks - U-2618)
 - (4x20# Frag Clusters - Gun emplacement - U-3338)
 - (8x500# GP bombs - Road Junction - Woods - U-306325)
 - (4x20# Frag Clusters - Road - Vehicles - U-303322)
 - (8x500# GP bombs - Flak Position - U-085164)
 - (4x20# Frag Clusters - Flak Position - U-085164)
 - (8x500# GP bombs - Supply Dump - Q-5549)
 - (4x20# Frag Clusters - Supply Dump - Q-5549)
 - (7x500# GP bombs - Tour Du Bois - U-105012) - W/Ts - T-994968)
 - (4x20# Frag Clusters - Tour Du Bois - U-105012)
 - (8x500# GP bombs - Tank Concentration at U-119077 to U-304520)
 - (4x20# Frag Clusters - Tank Concentration U-119077 to U-304520)
 - (8x500# GP bombs - 42 W/Ts in vicinity of Q-7054)
 - (4x20# Frag Clusters - 42 W/Ts - road vicinity of Q-7054)
 - (8x500# GP bombs - Oil or Ammunition stores - Q-501715)
 - (6 military W/Ts - Q-475740)
- (iii) 1 - 500# GP bomb.
- (iv) NIL
- 2 - Frag Clusters returned to base.
- G. : 1 ^{K14} Captain Thomas N. Montag, 0732311 - 395th Fighter Squadron was last seen to strike a tree while strafing at T-9003. Pilot did not bail out as A/C was seen to crash.

Amendment to Oprop A No. 165:

 - 1 - LMA 2nd Lt. Charles E Rife, 0887235 injured by flak at T-7784 - wounded in back.
- H. : NIL

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H. :

Other Classes:

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Tanks 5-0-8

For the Commanding Officer:

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MAURICE D POWELL
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Ass't. Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
360TH FIGHTER GROUP

I-1-1

APO 595, DE Army,
16 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Gprop A Report. USAAF Form 31A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 36th Statistical
Control Unit.
Commanding General, 5th Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical
Control Section.
Commanding Officer, 8th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical
Control Section.

FROM : 360th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : Gprop A No. 108 for 24 hours ending sunset 15 August 1944.
Operations Order No. VII.

This Group did not execute any mission for date stated above.

For the Commanding Officer:

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

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HEADQUARTERS
360TH FIGHTER GROUP

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AFM 595, US ARMY.
19 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Gprop A Report. USAF Form 3A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit.
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical Control Section.
Commanding Officer, 84th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical

FROM : 360th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

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Gprop A No. 169 for 24 hours ending sunset 19 August 1944.
Operations Order No. 142, Par 9, IX Tactical Air Command.

A. The 360th Fighter Group provided Armed Column Cover with flights of 4 A/C for the 3rd Armored Division. The flights covered Combat Command "B" and other flights covered Combat Command "A". The flights took off and landed from AIC A-3 and the missions were executed on 16 August 1944. The following is a narrative of the operations:

Mission No.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time over target
1	4	1417	1612	2 Tanks at U-0600110 - Results very good. 2 W/Ts - U-070905.	1415
2	4	1415	1604	6 Tanks at U-10117 and U-102110	1435
3	4	1710	1844	Tank at U-0212	1745
4	4	1712	1852	Fuel or supply dump and W/Ts at U-070169.	1815
5	4	1751	1913	5 Tanks at U-2025; 5 W/Ts at U-0037 and U-215345.	1830
6	4	1749	1918	9 W/Ts and halftrack at U-000285; 5 W/Ts at U-338334.	1830
7	4	1755	1950	Tank and 3 W/Ts at U-1321 and at U-0219	1830
8	4	1755	1950	5 Gun emplacements at U-4967 and U-4663	1830
9	4	1755	1950	W/Ts at U-0515 and U-4663.	1830
10	4	1843	1956	13 W/Ts at U-120353.	1815
11	4	1814	1955	Woods at U-120662.	1840
12	4	1814	1955	Gun emplacement - tanks at U-085159.	1850

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- A. : The weather was generally 3/10 with some haze. Visibility was good. No W/A were encountered on any of the missions.
- B. : (i) 48 M7Ds (Armored Column Cover - B/Bombers)
 (ii) 48 (B/Bombers attacked ground targets)
 (iii) NIL
 (iv) NIL
 (v) NIL
 (vi) 2 - 1 A/B was hit by flak and was seen to crash at T-000600.
 1 A/B was hit by flak and pilot was seen to bail out at U-100105.
 (vii) 6 - Damaged by flak, all Oct. A.
 (viii) 48
- C. : NIL
- D. : (i) 91:45
 (ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 36400 rounds 50 cal. APF.
 (ii) 19285
 (iii) 3600
- F. : (i) 54 - 500# GP bombs (AN M103 nose, AN M1012 tail fusing)
 60 - 260# M81 Frag Bombs
 48 - M1A1 Frag Clusters (6x20# frag bombs to each cluster)
 (ii) 54 - 500# GP Bombs
 60 - 260# M81 Frag bombs
 48 - Frag Clusters M1A1.
 (1) - 500# GP bombs - and
 (2) - 260# M81 Frag Bombs on tanks at U-0611)
 (3) - 500# GP bombs and
 (4) - 260# Frag bombs on 5 tanks at U-101117)
 (1) - 500# GP bomb and
 (2) - 260# Frag bombs on tank at U-103110)
 (1) - 500# GP bombs and
 (2) - 260# Frag bombs on tank at U-0912)
 (1) - 500# GP bombs and
 (1) - 260# Frag bombs on fuel dump and W/Ts at U-76163
 (1) - 260# Frag bombs on W/Ts at U-207164)
 (2) - 500# GP bombs and
 (12) - Frag Clusters on 5 tanks at U-2035 and U-2037
 (2) - 500# GP bombs and
 (12) - Frag clusters on W/Ts and tanks at U-215945)
 (2) - 500# GP bombs and
 (1) - 260# Frag bombs on 9 W/Ts and halftrack at U-220325)
 (2) - 500# GP bombs and
 (1) - 260# Frag bombs on 5 W/Ts at U-228304)

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- (11) (i) - 500# GP bombs and
- (j) - 260# Frag bombs on 5 tanks at U-2217 and U-1321
- (k) - 500# GP bombs and
- (l) - 260# Frag bombs on 7 W/Ts at U-2515 and U-1321
- (m) - 500# GP bombs and
- (n) - 260# Frag bombs on 5 gun emplacements at U-1367 and 2 W/Ts at U-1321
- (o) - 500# GP bombs and
- (p) - 260# Frag bombs on 12 W/Ts at U-13633
- (q) - 500# GP bombs and
- (r) - 260# Frag Bombs on wooded area at U-13632
- (s) - 500# GP bombs and
- (t) - Frag Clusters on tank and gun emplacement at U-25133

(iii) NIL
(iv) NIL

Correction: The following information is to be added to Group A No. 167,
 (11) (h) Frag Clusters - Oil or ammunition stores - U-501715 - 6 W/Ts at U-475760.

Also the part "260#" should be deleted from each remark on the frag clusters in this section (11) (ii).

- G. 2 - 1 KIA - 1st Lt. Mike D Martin, 0805651, 395th Fighter Squadron. A/C was last seen to crash at T-292600 at 1915. A/C had been hit by light flak and possibly gun fire from tanks. Later the Squadron Medical Officer went to the wrecked A/C and identified the body as that of 1st Lt. Martin.
- 1 KIA - 1st Lt. Robert S Brown, 0679960, 397th Fighter Squadron was last seen to bail out at U-108135. A/C was hit by flak. It is believed pilot landed safely.

H. : NIL

Other Claims:

W/Ts	55-0-0
Tanks	15-0-0
Half Tracks	3-0-0
30 mm. Gun	1-0-0
Staff Car	1-0-0
Armored Cars	2-0-0

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For the Commanding Officer:

Thurston D Powell
 THURSTON D POWELL
 1st Lt., Air Corps,
 Ass't. Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 595, US Army,
19 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. UMAAF Form 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit.
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical Control Section.
Commanding Officer, 84th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

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Oprep A No. 170 for 24 hours ending sunset 17 August 1944.
Operations Order No. 143, Par. 2, IX Tactical Air Command.

A. : The 368th Fighter Group provided Armored Column Support for the 3rd Armored Division. This Group covered Combat Command "A" and Combat Command "B" each with flights of 4 A/C throughout the day. All flights took off from AIG A-3 and landed at AIG A-3. The missions were executed on 17 August 1944. The following is a narrative of the operations.

Mission No.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time over target
1	4	1346	1526	Tanks in vicinity of U-087166	1410
2	4	1348	1545	2 houses at U-075168 and cross-roads and 2 tanks - U-085165; results - good.	1515
3	4	1518	1706	M/Ts-Personnel - Woods - U-243253. results - excellent.	1600
4	4	1516	1703	M/Ts, tanks at U-098203 - U-178203, U-070190 - U-123191.	1615
5	4	1646	1832	No targets given to be bombed.	1700
6	4	1649	1853	Gun position - U-305234; Flak position - U-034186. NPO	1745
7	4	1811	1937	2 Tanks west of Fromental; M/Ts at U-077165.	1835
8	4	1816	1958	Tanks at U-092178; results good.	1940
9	4	1929	2110	5 Tanks - vicinity of U-1221.	2010
10	4	1932	2117	Tanks - M/Ts - Houses at U-065207; Tanks - U-082189.	1950

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- A. : No E/A were encountered on any of the missions. The weather was generally 8 to 10/10 with base from 3000 to 4000 feet. Visibility good. All flights coordinated with the Armored Columns and attacked the targets as directed by the columns.
- B. : (i) 40 F47Ds (Armored Column Support - D/Bombers)
(ii) 38 (Armored column support - completed missions)
(iii) 1 - (c) Canopy would not stay closed. It became loose shortly after take-off. Lock pin had stuck and did not secure the canopy.
(iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) 1 - Engine damaged by flak. Pilot bailed out. A/C crashed at U-106392.
(vii) 3 - 1 - Tail wheel stuck - damaged on landing, Cat. A.
2 - Damaged by flak, 1 - Cat. A., 1 - Cat. AC.
(viii) 39
- C. : NIL
- D. : (i) 73:45
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 72000 rounds 50 cal. AP.
(ii) 16682
(iii) 1800
- F. : (1) 48 - 500# GP bombs (AN M103 nose, AN M101A2 tail)
190 - M1A1 Frag Clusters (6x20# Frag bomb each cluster)
(ii) 42 - 500# GP bombs
163 - M1A1 Frag Clusters
(8 - 500# GP - Tanks - vicinity of U-087166)
(6 - 500# GP - 2 houses - U-075168; road junction and 2 tanks - U-085165)
(4 - 500# GP - and
(24- Frag Clusters - M/Ts - U-243253)
(4 - 500# GP - and
(21- Frag Clusters - M/Ts - Tanks - U-098203 - U-070190, U-178203 - U-123191)
(4 - 500# GP - and
(24- Frag Clusters - Gun position - U-305234;
Flak position - U-0034186)
(4 - 500# GP - and
(24 - Frag Clusters - 2 Tanks west of Frontal;
M/Ts at U-077165)
(4 - 500# GP - and
(24- Frag Clusters - 3 tanks at U-092178)
(4 - 500# GP - and
(24- Frag Clusters - 5 tanks in vicinity of U-1221)
(4 - 500# GP - and
(22- Frag Clusters - Tanks, M/Ts - U-065207,
Tanks - U-082189)

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F. : (iii) 6 - 500# GP bombs : 4x500# GP bombs and 2x frag clusters were
 27 - Frag Clusters : jettisoned in camp at T-1990 by one flight
 who did not receive any targets from the
 tank column - 2x500# GP bombs by abortive A/C.

(iv) NIL

C. : *NOTE* → Remark: 1st Lt. Marvin J. Rowold, 0680083 bailed out at U-106992
 after his engine failed due to hit by flak. He returned
 to this Group for duty 18 August 1944. He was uninjured.

H. : NIL

Other Status:

M/Ts 40-0-16
 Tanks 12-0-16
 Half-tracks 2-0-0

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For the Commanding Officer:

Maurice D. Well
 MAURICE D. WELL
 1st Lt., Air Corps,
 Ass't. Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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AFG 595, US Army,
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SUBJECT: Oprop A Report. CGAAF Form 34a.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical
Control Unit.
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical
Control Section.
Commanding Officer, 84th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical
Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

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Oprop A No. 171 for 24 hours ending sunset 18 August 1944.
Operations Order No. Y41-3, IX Tactical Air Command.

A. : A flight of 4 P47Ds of the 397th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from AIG A-3 at 1404, 18 August 1944 to perform an armed reconnaissance for the 3rd Armored Division. Flight proceeded on mission as briefed, arriving over designated area of the 3rd Armored Division at 1425. Flight of 4 A/C patrolled area for one and half hours. Leaving the designated area at 1550, 4 A/C landed at AIG A-3 at 1614. Germans were observed at U-1927. Our tanks were seen in woods at U-3121 - U-2924. No damaged, abortive or E/A encountered. The flak at U-2322, 4 miles north of Argentan was light, intense and accurate; at U-1918, 2 miles north of Ecouché, it was moderate and light, intense and very accurate; at U-1919 it was light, moderate and inaccurate. The weather was 4 to 5/10 cumulus between 3500 and 4500 feet.

- B. : (i) 4 P47Ds (Armed Reconnaissance)
- (ii) 4 (Armed Reconnaissance - 3rd Armored Division)
- (iii) NIL
- (iv) NIL
- (v) NIL
- (vi) NIL
- (vii) NIL
- (viii) 4

C. : NIL

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- D. : (i) 9:45
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 7200 rounds 50 cal. API.
(ii) NIL
(iii) NIL
- F. : NIL
- G. : NIL
- H. : NIL

Operations Order No. Y21-8 - Y21-10, IX Tactical Air Command.

A. : The 368th Fighter Group provided Armored Column Cover, with flights of 4 A/C for the 3rd Armored Division. Separate flights covered the Combat Command "A" and "B". Flights took off and landed at AIC A-3. Missions were executed 13 August 1944. The data on these operations is as follows:

Mission No.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time over target
1	4	1534	1729	Tanks at U-149168, U-148170; anti-tank gun - U-146172.	1610
2	4	1622	1811	Intersection in woods - U-141171.	1652
3	4	1701	1852	2 Tanks - U-145175; 7 M/Ts at U-215223.	1730
4	4	1758	1953	No targets assigned by controller; Jettisoned bombs in Channel.	1815
5	4	1827	2003	Wooden bridge - 3/4 completed at Elbeuf.	1915
6	4	1932	2106	Woods containing troops at U-144174 to U-1447174 - excellent results.	1955
7	4	1923	2111	Troops and vehicles in woods at U-144174 - U-147174.	1948

The weather was generally from 4/10 to 8/10 cumulus between 4 and 6500 feet. No E/A were encountered on any of the flights.

- D. : (i) 28 P47Ds (Armored Column Cover - D/Bombers)
(ii) 28 (D/Bombers completed mission)
(iii) NIL
(iv) NIL
(v) NIL

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- 1. : (vi) NIL
- (vii) 1 - Damaged by bomb frag, Col. AC.
- (viii) 20
- 2. : NIL
- 3. : (i) 55:45
- (ii) NIL
- 4. : (i) 50,000 rounds 50 cal. API.
- (ii) 11,120
- (iii) NIL
- 5. : (i) 56 - 5000 GP bombs (M1 M103 nose, M1 M102AS tail)
- (ii) 47 (1 - 2 - Tanks at U-145170)
- (1 - Anti-tank gun at U-145172)
- (3 - Intersection - woods at U-145171)
- (1 - 2 tanks - woods at U-145173)
- (1 - 7 M/As at U-21522)
- (2 - Wooden bridge (3/4 completed) at (ibof))
- (2 - Woods containing troops and vehicles at U-145174 to U-147174)
- (7 - Woods containing troops and vehicles at U-145174 to U-147174)
- (iii) 9 (8 - By flight of A/C when targets were not assigned)
- (iv) NIL
- 6. : NIL
- 7. : NIL

Other Slains:

M/As 2-0-5 ✓
 Tanks 5-0-1
 Anti-tank gun -

For the Commanding Officer:

Maurice D Powell
 MAURICE D POWELL
 1st Lt., Air Corps,
 Ass't. Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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20 August 1944.
APO 595, US Army.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAF Form 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical
Control Unit.
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical
Control Section.
Commanding Officer, 84th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical
Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : Oprep A No. 172 for 24 hours ending sunset 19 August 1944.
Operations Order No. WIL.

This Group did not execute any missions for date stated above.

For the Commanding Officer:

Maurice D Powell
MAURICE D POWELL
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't. Adjutant.

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368th FIGHTER GROUP

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APP 175, US Army,
22 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Group A Report. USAF Form 91A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit.
Commanding General, IV Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical Control Section.
Commanding Officer, 8th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistic 1 Officer.

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Group A No. 173 for 24 hours ending sunset 20 August 1944.
Operations Order No. 146, Mission V21-1, IV Tactical Air Command.

A. : 12 H47Gs of the 395th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from AIG A-3 at 1155, 20 August 1944 on an armed reconnaissance mission from mouth of the Seine River along Seine River to Elbeuf, then west along highway to Neubourg to Pontant Le Roger, then north along line of Risle River to its mouth. 3 A/C each carried 2x5000 GP bombs (instant nose, 1/40 tail fusing) and 4 A/C as escort and top cover. 12 A/C arrived over designated area at 1215. 3 A/C dove from 2000 feet at a 70 degree angle and at 1000 feet, released 16 bombs in area along the Seine River. Flight then left area, landing at AIG A-3 at 1940. Two barges were destroyed at M-2421; an oil installation at L-2427 damaged; hits were observed on an unidentified ship at M-2421; docks were destroyed along river at L-2427. Five barges were seen at L-2426. 20 plus small boats were seen at the port at Rouen. No damaged, abortive or F/A were encountered. The flak at M-2423 was heavy and light, weak and inaccurate. The weather was 5/10 cumulus at 2000 to 10000 feet. Visibility was 20 miles.

- B. : (i) 12 H47Gs (Armed Reconnaissance - 3 - D/Bombers - 4 - Escorts)
- (ii) 12 (6 - D/Bombers - target area along Seine River vicinity of M-2421)
- (4 - Escort and top cover)
- (iii) NIL
- (iv) NIL
- (v) NIL
- (vi) NIL
- (vii) NIL
- (viii) 12

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- C. : NIL
- D. : (i) 30:45
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) \$1600 rounds 50 cal. AP.
(ii) NIL
(iii) NIL
- F. : (i) 16 - 500# GP bombs (AN M03 nose, AN M101AP tail)
(ii) 16 (Targets in area along Seine River:
(2 - Barges at M-0421
(Oil installation at L-9427)
(Large unidentified ship at M-0421)
(Boats along river at L-9427)
(iii) NIL
(iv) NIL
- G. : NIL
- H. : NIL

Operations Order No. 101-9, II Tactical Air Command.

- A. : The 96th Fighter Group, composed of 36 B-70s (3 flights of 12 A/C each with 8 A/C as D/Bombers and 4 A/C as escort and top cover, per flight, dropped delayed action bombs on Ferry Installations at La Maillerage (L-96521h), Le Trait (L-992197) and Duclain (L-992209). Flights took off and landed at AIG A-3. Missions were executed 20 August 1944. The data on these operations is as follows:

Mission No.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time over target.
1	12	2052	2119	Ferry Installations at Le Trait - L-992197. Results probably excellent.	2000
2	12	1941	2107	Ferry Installations at La Maillerage - L-96521h - Good bomb run.	2013
3	12	2001	2145	Ferry Installations at Duclain - L-992209.	2031

The weather was 10/10 cumulus between 11000 and 12000 feet. Visibility was good. No damaged, abortive or R/A were encountered.

- B. : (i) 36 B-70s (2h - D/Bombers - 12 - Escort and top cover)
(ii) 36 (8 - D/Bombers and
(h - Escorts - Ferry Installations at Le Trait)
(8 - D/Bombers and
(h - Escorts - Ferry Installations at La Maillerage)
(8 - D/Bombers - and
(h - Escorts - Ferry Installations - Duclain)

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- B. : (iii) NIL
- (iv) NIL
- (v) NIL
- (vi) NIL
- (vii) NIL
- (viii) 36

C. : NIL

- D. : (i) 52:45
- (ii) 10:00

- E. : (i) 64800 rounds 50 cal. APF.
- (ii) 1492
- (iii) NIL

- F. : (i) 48 - 500# AF Delay Action Fuse Bombs.
 - (36 - 500# - 6 hour delay)
 - (8 - 500# -12 hour delay)
 - (4 - 500# - 4 hour delay)
- (ii) 48 - (36 - 6 hour delay)
 - (8 -12 hour delay)
 - (4 - 4 hour delay)
 - (12 - 6 hour delay and
 - (4 -12 hour delay on Ferry Installations at Le Trait)
 - (12 - 6 hour delay and
 - (4 - 4hour delay - Ferry installations at La Maillerage)
 - (12 - 6 hour delay and
 - (4 - 12 hour delay on Ferry installations at Duclain)
- (iii) NIL
- (iv) NIL

G. : NIL

H. : NIL

For the Commanding Officer:

Maurice D Powell
 MAURICE D POWELL
 1st Lt., Air Corps,
 Ass't. Adjutant.

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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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AFPO 594, US Army.
22 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 24A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical
Control Unit.
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical
Control Section.
Commanding Officer, 84th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical
Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : Oprep A No. 174 for 24 hours ending sunset 21 August 1944.
Operations Order No. 811.

This Group did not execute any missions for date stated above.

For the Commanding Officer:

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

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36TH FIGHTER GROUP

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SUBJECT: Group A Report, USAF Form 3A.

- TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit.
- Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical Control Section.
- Commanding Officer, 36th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical Control Section.

FROM : 36th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

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Group A No. 175 for 24 hours ending sunset 22 August 1944.
Operations Order No. 116, Par. 19, IX Tactical Air Command.

A. 6 B-24s of the 397th Bombardment Squadron, of the 36th Fighter Group took off from AIG A-2 at 1746, 22 August 1944 on a leaflet dropping mission over designated enemy areas. 6 A/C each carried 2 leaflet bombs and proceeded on mission as briefed. Arriving over the designated areas at 1800, 6 A/C dropped from 8000 feet their leaflet bombs on the following targets. 2 bombs each were dropped at Bouneville (1-25120) 1-25010, Rostot (1-25010 and 1-25010). One leaflet bomb was dropped at North (1-25010), Gaville (1-25010), Vornell (1-25010) and St Andre - de France (1-27050). No results were observed. Flight of 6 A/C then left target area at 1815, landing at AIG A-2 at 1845. No damaged, hostile, or A/C were encountered. The weather over target area was 2/10 at 5 to 9000 feet. Visibility was excellent.

- B. (i) 6 B-24s (leaflet dropping mission)
- (ii) 6
- (iii) NIL
- (iv) NIL
- (v) NIL
- (vi) NIL
- (vii) NIL
- (viii) 6
- C. : NIL
- D. : (i) 9:00
- (ii) NIL

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- R. : (1) 10000 rounds 50 cal. APF.
(ii) NIL
(iii) NIL
- F. : (1) 12 - leaflet bombs. (MARK I/AIR)
(ii) 12 - (2 - Bourneville - L-845123)
(2 - L-920190)
(2 - Routh - L-990100)
(2 - L-960210)
(1 - Bourth - Q-920120)
(1 - Beauville - R-120520)
(1 - Vermaul - R-000900)
(1 - St Andre De L'Arce - R-070510)
(iii) NIL
(iv) NIL
- G. : NIL
- H. : NIL

For the Commanding Officer:

Andrew Padua
 MAJORS & POWERS
 1st Lt., Air Corps,
 Asst's. Adjutant.

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HEAD QUARTERS
360TH FIGHTER GROUP

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AFG 575, US Army.
23 August 1941.

SUBJECT: Group A Report. USAF Form 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit.
Commanding General, 2d Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical Control Section.
Commanding Officer, 8th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical Control Section.

FROM : 360th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : Group A No. 176 for 24 hours ending sunset 23 August 1941. Operations Order 571.

This Group did not execute any missions for date stated above.

For the Commanding Officer:

Warwick D Powell
WARWICK D POWELL
1st Lt., Air Corps.
Asst. Adjutant.

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AFPO 595, U. S. Army
24 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

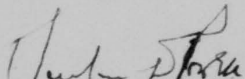
TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical
Control Unit.
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, Attention
Statistical Control Section.
Commanding Officer, 84th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical
Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : Oprep A No. 177 for 24 hours ending sunset 24 August 1944.

This Group did not execute any missions for date stated
above.

For the Group Commander:


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

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HEADQUARTERS
360TH FIGHTER GROUP

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AFG 595, US Army,
29 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprop A Report. USAF Form 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit.
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical Control Section.
Commanding General, 70th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical Control Section.

FROM : 360th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

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Oprop A No 178 for 24 hours ending sunset 25 August 1944.
Operations Order No. 153, Par 24, IX Tactical Air Command.

The 360th Fighter Group provided support for the US 2nd (M-393 - M-391) and 5th (M-2726 - M-3422) Armored Divisions. Group executed 8 missions, each taking off and landing at ATO A-3. Missions were executed 25 August 1944. The data on these operations is as follows:

Mission No.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time
1	12	0710	0915	Bridge at M-1903, probably destroyed - Forest Bretonne I-9016. IRO.	0730
2	12	1004	1150	Wooden bridge across Seine - M-1803 - Cissel, destroyed. 400 vehicles and tanks - M-1803 - M-1603 - excellent results. Tank at M-1477, probably destroyed.	1015
3	12	1302	1450	60 M/Ts - M-1704	1330
4	12	1308	1517	M/Ts - along roads at M-13503-M-17101, M-251061 - M-190069, gun emplacement at G-250990. Excellent results.	1330
5	12	1610	1815	Tank at M-0798. 10 horse drawn field pieces - I-7707 - destroyed.	1735
6	12	1849	2040	M/Ts and tanks in vicinity of M-0313, M-2107, M-0505, M-1007, M-0202 & M-1203.	1900
7	11	1919	2025	15 M/Ts - M-15804 - destroyed & 3 bombs at M-20905.	1966

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Mission No.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
B	12	2002	2110	Road junction (possibly flak position) M-1013, 4-5 barges at M-0906 - damaged 3. Bombing results - good.	2045

The weather was generally CAVU over target areas. 4 A/C were damaged by flak, Cat. A. - 2 abortive A/C. No E/A were encountered.

- B. : (i) 95 M/Ts (9) Armored Column Support for 2nd and 5th Armored Divisions - B/Bombers - 1-Escort
(ii) 93 - (B/Bombers)
(iii) 2 - (c) 1 - Escort - radio receiver failed.
(d) 1 - B/Bomber - A/C hit by flak and returned to AIG A-3.
(iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) NIL
(vii) 4 - Damaged by flak, Cat. A.
(viii) 94
- C. : NIL
- D. : (i) 191:00
(ii) 4:15
- E. : (i) 171000 rounds 50 cal.
(ii) 27606
(iii) NIL
- F. : (i) 108 - 500# GP bombs (AN M109 nose and AN M101A2 tail fusing)
(ii) 105 - (24 - Fort Bretonne L-2016, bridge at M-1903)
46 (10 - Wooden bridge across Seine River - Diesel - M-1809)
(10 - 400 Vehicles at M-1605 & M-1809)
(2 - Tank at M-1497)
(24 - 50 M/Ts at M-1704)
(24 - Vehicles on roads at M-135053, M-171041, M-051061 - M-170069)
(24 - 10 horse-drawn field pieces at L-7707 & 1 tank at R-0798)
(21 - M/Ts and tanks at M-0203, M-0303 & M-0107)
(22 - 15 M/Ts at M-158044 & 3 barges at M-209045)
(24 - Road junction (possibly flak position) at M-1013 & 4 - 5 barges at M-0906)
(iii) 3
(iv) NIL
- G. : NIL
- H. : NIL

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II.	Other Claims:	
	M/Co	101-50-70
	Tanks	4-0-0
	Wagons	11-0-0
	Field Pieces	10-0-0
	Barges	2-0-0
	Halftracks	4-0-0
	Scout Cars	2-0-0

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2-0-6 Barges ✓

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

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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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AFG 595, US Army.
29 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprop A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 66th Statistical Control Unit.
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical Control Section.
Commanding General, 70th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

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Oprop A No. 179 for 24 hours ending sunset 26 August 1944.
Operations Order No. 155, Ser. 8B, Mission 221-2, IX Tactical Air Command.

A. The 368th Fighter Group provided Armored Column Support for the 3rd Armored Division. The Armored Column Support was furnished by a squadron of 12 B-7Ds over the area at specified times. Targets for strafing were given by the 3rd Armored Division and after attacking the targets, if given any, the squadron proceeded on a armed reconnaissance of the area from S-3616 along bomb line to S-2026, along bomb line to S-2054 to S-5040 to S-3616. All squadrons took off and landed at AIG A-3 and all missions were accomplished 26 August 1944. The data for the missions of this date is as follows:

Mission No.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time /T
1	12	0845	1204	Strafed 30 G/W at Argentiore S-4118 Strafed convoy 100 W/Ts at S-6183.	1045 to 1105
2	12	1007	1325	Strafed 30-35 horse-drawn wagons at S-4025.	1100 to 1230
3	12	1134	1453	W/Ts and 1 tank strafed at S-2515. W/Ts strafed at S-3616 & S-3914.	1235 to 1330
4	12	1434	1650	Patrol area from Paris to Sena.	1520 to 1610
5	12	1606	1907	Patrolled area ahead of tanks S-2529. Strafed and destroyed light tank at S-2691. Strafed W/Ts at S-2722 & S-5151.	1710 to 1805

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Mission No.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
6	12	1735	2027	Strafed M/Ts at S-5415, S-5515, and S-5717. Strafed & destroyed 1 Tiger tank at S-5835.	1895

All the above missions were armored cover missions with A/C strafing ground targets as directed by 3rd Armored Division. No bombs were carried. On the second mission, an A/C thought to be an MB 163 was seen at 8000 feet just east of Paris at approximately S-3535. The A/C turned and sped away from the vicinity and was lost in the chase. There were no abortive A/C on any of the missions. No other M/A were seen during the other missions. The weather was generally very heavy through out the day. Poor visibility.

- B. : (i) 72 M7Ds (Armored Column Support / Patrol)
- (ii) 71 (Completed missions)
- (iii) 1 - (c) Belly tank failure - connection broke.
- (iv) NIL
- (v) NIL
- (vi) NIL
- (vii) 1 - Damaged by exploding M/T, Cat. A.
- (viii) 71
- C. : (i) 72 - 150 gal American External Belly tanks.
- (ii) 12
- D. : (i) 228430
- (ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 129600 rounds 50 cal.
- (ii) 32746
- (iii) NIL
- F. : NIL
- G. : NIL
- H. : NIL

Other Claims:

O/W 5-0-0
M/T 100-25-2
Horse-drawn wagons 12-0-0
Tanks 3-0-0
Field Guns 2-0-0

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For the Commanding Officer:

Maurice D. Bell
MAURICE D. BELL
1st Lt., Air Corps.
Asst. Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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AIG 595, US Army,
29 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Oxyrep A report. UDAAF Form 38A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit. (Rear).
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical Control Section.
Commanding General, 70th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : SECRET

Oxyrep A No. 100 for 24 hours ending sunset 27 August 1944.
Operations Order No. 157, Mission Y21-1, IX Tactical Air Command.

A. : 12 F47Ds of the 397th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from AIG A-3 at 1129, 27 August 1944 to execute an armored column support for the 3rd Armored Division. Arriving over designated area at 1250, 12 A/G upon making ground contact with armored Division, strafed 25-30 M/Ts at S-4445. Flight of 12 A/G then left target area at 1340, landing at AIG A-3 at 1433. Strafing results were good with 22 M/Ts destroyed. No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. The weather consisted of an overcast of 6/10 at 2-3500 feet. Visibility was poor.

One squadron of 12 F47Ds of the 397th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from AIG A-3 at 1735, 27 August 1944 to execute Armored Column Support for the 3rd Armored Division, arriving over designated area, in vicinity of Mainz-Mblun at 1820. No enemy activity of type was observed and squadron left target area, landing at A-40 at 1930. No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. The weather - scattered clouds with tops of 15000 feet. Visibility very limited.

- B. : (i) 24 F47Ds (Armored Column Support - 3rd Armored Division - Patrol)
(ii) 24 - (Armored Column Support and Patrol for the Columns.)
(iii) NIL
(iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) NIL
(vii) NIL
(viii) 24

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- C. : (i) 24 - 150 gal American External Belly tanks.
(ii) NIL
- D. : (i) 63:45
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 43200 rounds 50 cal. AP
(ii) 3840
(iii) NIL
- F. : NIL
- G. : NIL
- H. : NIL

Other Claims

W/Os 19-0-0
Staff Cars 3-0-0

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Operations Order No. 157, Mission Y21-2, IX Tactical Air Command.

- A. : 12 P47Ds of the 395th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from AIG A-3 at 1305, 27 August 1944 to execute close support to the 79th Infantry and 5th Armored Division. 4 A/C each carried two 500# GP bombs (instant nose, 1/40 tail fusing) and 3 A/C as escort and top cover. 12 A/C proceeded on mission as briefed, arriving over designated area at 1400. 4 A/C released 8 bombs on a possible supply dump at R-7968. Leaving the target area at 1430, 12 A/C landed at AIG A-3 at 1516. Bombing results were obscured due to smoke over target area. No damaged, abortive or R/A were encountered. The weather was 7/10 at 2 to 6-7000 feet. Visibility was very poor.
- B. : (i) 12 P47Ds (4 - B/Bombers and
8 - Escort - Close support to 79th Infantry and 5th Armored Division)
(ii) 12 (8 - Escort and
(4 - B/Bombers - Possibly Supply Dump at R-7968)
(iii) NIL
(iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) NIL
(vii) NIL
(viii) 12
- C. : NIL
- D. : (i) 26:15
(ii) NIL

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- E. : (i) 2600 rounds 50 cal A.T.
(ii) 9000
(iii) NIL
- F. : (i) 8 - 500 lb GP bombs (AN M103 nose, AN M101A2 Tail fusing)
(ii) 8 - Infantry and Artillery and possible supply dump at R-7964.
(iii) NIL
(iv) NIL
- G. : NIL
- H. : NIL

Other Classes:

1/2 1-0-0

For the Commanding Officer:

W. B. Howell
 WENDELL B. HOWELL
 1st Lt., Air Corps,
 Ass't. Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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AFC 595, US Army.
31 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit.
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical Control Section.
Commanding General, 70th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

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Oprep A No. 181 for 24 hours ending sunset 28 August 1944.
Operations Order No. 160, Mission Y21-4, IX Tactical Air Command.

A. : The 368th Fighter Group provided armored column support for the 3rd Armored Division. The Group executed six missions on 28 August 1944, taking off and landing at A-40. In addition to supporting the 3rd Armored Division, the squadrons conducted armed reconnaissance from Compiègne to Soissons to Brany and along the bomb line to S-2158. The data on these operations is as follows:

Mission No.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
1	11	0722	0915	Bombed and strafed 12 M/Ts (mostly gas trucks at S-5173, 8 M/Ts and trailers at S-4588. Bombing results - poor.	0800
2	12	0923	1131	Tanks, half-tracks and troops at S-4960 & S-4859. Also strafed some areas	1000
3	12	1128	1347	Strafed 24 M/Ts and 7 halftracks at NE of Meaux. Bombed 2 tanks at S-6071.	1200
4	12	1320	1526	Bombed 3 mobile AA guns at S-6378. Also strafed tanks, M/Ts and gas dump in the vicinity of S-6283.	1400
5	12	1723	1936	Strafed 15 M/Ts at S-8398. Bombed 1 tank at S-9295, trailer and truck at W-9502.	1748

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Mission No.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time o/T
6	11	1923	2133	Bombed concentrated M/Ts at N-9910. Strafed 125 M/Ts at N-9014 to O-0416.	2000

The weather was generally very bad haze. Visibility was poor with some improvement later in the day. One A/C was damaged by flak. One A/C was seen to crash while strafing at S-515740. No E/A were encountered.

- B. :
- (i) 70 P47Ds (46 - Escorts and
24 - D/Bombers - Armored Column Support - 3rd Armored Division)
 - (ii) 69 (45 - Escorts completed mission and
24 - D/Bombers attacked targets)
 - (7 - Escorts and
4 - D/Bombers - 20 M/Ts at S-5173 - S-4588)
 - (8 - Escorts and
4 - D/Bombers - Halftracks and tanks at Strepilly S-4960 and
at S-4859)
 - (8 - Escorts and
4 - D/Bombers - 2 tanks at S-6071)
 - (8 - Escorts and
4 - D/Bombers - 3 mobile AA guns at S-6378)
 - (7 - Escorts and
4 - D/Bombers - 1 tank at S-9295; trailer truck at N-9502)
 - (7 - Escorts and
4 - D/Bombers - Concentration vehicles at N-9910)
 - (iii) 1 - Escort (c) Radio - Circuit broken, went out.
 - (iv) NIL
 - (v) NIL
 - (vi) 1 - (D/Bomber) A/C was seen to hit a tree and crash during strafing
run at Betz, S-515740.
 - (vii) 1 - (Escort) Damaged by flak, Cat. A.
 - (viii) 69
- C. : NIL
- D. :
- (i) 146:30
 - (ii) 7:45
- E. :
- (i) 126000 rounds 50 cal. AP.
 - (ii) 61756
 - (iii) 1800
- F. :
- (i) 24 - 500# GP bombs (AN M103 nose, AN M101A2 tail)

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- F. : (ii) (4 - (2 were duds) 12 M/Ts at S-5173, 8 M/Ts at S-4588)
 (4 - Tanks, halftracks and troops at S-4960)
 (4 - 2 tanks at S-6071)
 (4 - 3 mobile AA guns at S-6370)
 (4 - 1 tank at S-9295; trailer and truck at H-9502)
 (4 - Concentration of vehicles at H-9910)
 (iii) NIL
 (iv) NIL

- G. : 1 - MIA - 2nd Lt. John B Stewart Jr., O-700849 was last seen to hit a tree and crash while strafing at Betz S-515740. Pilot did not bail out.

- H. : NIL

Other Claims:

M/Ts	188-0-36
Tanks	7-0-7
Halftracks	9-0-0
Staff Cars	2-0-0
88mm. Gun	1-0-0

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Mission No. Y21-11, IX Tactical Air Command.

- A. : 12 F47Ds of the 395th Fighter Squadron of the 96th Fighter Group took off from A-40 at 1533, 28 August 1944 to attack Airfield at Chalons, (T-5345). 4 A/C each carried 1x500# GP bomb (instant nose, 1/40 tail) and 8 A/C as escort and top cover. Arriving over Chalons Area at T-5345 at 1620, 4 A/C dropped 4-500# GP bombs on Marshalling Yards at Chalons - T-5345. The flight of 12 A/C then left target area, landing at A-40 at 1739. When the squadron could not locate any airfield in Chalons, they attacked M/Y there, destroying an engine and three goods wagons. The flak over target area was light, moderate and accurate. No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. The weather was 6/10 cumulus at 5-8000 feet. Visibility was good.
- B. : (i) 12 F47Ds (8 - Escorts and 4 - D/Bombers)
 (ii) 12 (8 - Escorts and 4 - D/Bombers - M/Y at Chalons, T-5345)
 (iii) NIL
 (iv) NIL
 (v) NIL
 (vi) NIL
 (vii) NIL
 (viii) 12
- C. : NIL
- D. : (i) 28:15
 (ii) NIL

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- E. : (1) 21600 rounds 50 cal. API.
(ii) 240
(iii) NIL
- F. : (1) 4 - 500# GP bombs (AN M103 nose, AN M101A2 tail)
(ii) 4 - (M/Y at Chalon, T-5345)
(iii) NIL
(iv) NIL
- G. : NIL
- H. : NIL

Other Claims:

Locomotive 1-0-0
Goods Wagons 3-0-0

For the Commanding Officer:

Maurice D Powell
 MAURICE D POWELL
 1st Lt., Air Corps,
 Ass't. Adjutant.

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Headquarters
368th Fighter Group

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APC 595, US Army,
29 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report USAAF Form 37A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical
Control Unit.
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical
Control Section.
Commanding General, 70th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical
Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : Oprep A No. 102 for 24 hours ending sunset 29 August 1944.
Operations Order No. NII.

This Group did not execute any missions for date stated above.

For the Commanding Officer:

Joseph B. Bruuffield Jr.

JOSEPH B. BRUFFIELD, JR.
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't. Stat. Officer.

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MEMORANDUM
360th FIGHTER GROUP

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22 August 1944

- 1. Copy & Report, USAF Form 34.
- 2. Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 40th Statistical Control Unit.
- 3. Commanding General, 2d Theatrical Air Command, Attention Statistical Control Section.
- 4. Commanding General, 70th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical Control Section.
- 5. 360th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.
- 6. Copy & No. 103 for 24 hours ending 20 August 1944, Operations Order No. 111.

This Group did not create any statistics for data stated above.

For the Commanding Officer:

Harold D. Brown

HAROLD D. BROWN
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 595, US Army.
2 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit.
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical Control Section.
Commanding General, 84th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

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Oprep A No. 184 for 24 hours ending sunset 31 August 1944.
Operations Order No. 165, Par. 3, Mission Y21-2, IX Tactical Air Command.

A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched 82 P47Ds, 31 August 1944 on a total of seven missions. The purpose of the seven missions was to provide Armored Column Support for the 3rd Armored Division and perform armed reconnaissance in area from Maubeuge south to bomblines along the bomblines to Huson, along bomblines to Revin, south along bomblines to Charleville, south and west along bomblines to Rathel, east along bomblines to Bongiers, northeast to Luxembourg, northwest to Civet and west to Maubeuge. Squadrons took off and landed at A-40. The data on these operations is as follows:

Mission No.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
1	12	0818	1022	Bombed halftracks and vehicles at Marle, O-1534. Strafed 20 halftracks and M/Ts (destroyed) in same area.	0915
2	12	0933	1158	Strafed 15 personnel at O-0436; bombed 1003 7 armored, 1 jeep and strafed same also at O-9330; strafed 1 jeep and 3 armored vehicles at O-1337 (all destroyed).	
3	11	1245	1518	Bombed one halftrack at O-042392 -NRD. 1330 Strafed one tank at O-065485, 3 halftracks and 4 M/Ts in vicinity of O-0430. Also destroyed 3 ammo M/Ts at N-9640.	

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Mission No.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
4	12	1531	1556	One Tiger tank destroyed at G-3331. Strafed 2 halftracks (destroyed) at G-4535	1415
5	12	1537	1755	Bombed fuel dump in house at G-1638 at Warle. Strafed and destroyed 1 armored vehicle and 4 M/Ts at G-2337. Also 1 staff car, 4 tanks and 2 M/Ts at G-1535.	1610 to 1720
6	11	1727	2019	Bombed and strafed a convoy of 50 M/Ts with large trailers on roads at G-3041 to 3049. 25 to 30 M/Ts were destroyed and 10 damaged.	1850
7	12	1847	2100	Bombed woods at G-3344 - NRG. Also strafed one M/T and one AT Gun at G-2644.	1930

The weather was generally C/10 at 3 to 9000 feet. Visibility was good. Three A/C were damaged by flak and one A/C was believed hit by flak and belly landed at H-706. Each dive-bomber carried 1x500 GP bomb. No B/A were encountered.

- B. :
- (i) 82 M/Ts (64 - Escort and top cover and 18 - D/Bombers. Armored Column Support for the 3rd Armored Division, also armed reconnaissance in designated areas).
 - (ii) 51 (63 - Escorts and 18 - D/Bombers - Completed mission).
 - (iii) NIL
 - (iv) NIL
 - (v) NIL
 - (vi) 1 - (Escort) - A/C believed hit by flak and was seen to belly-land at H-3706. *deleted - Opreg 9/10*
 - (vii) 3 - (Escorts) - Damaged by flak, Cat. A.
 - (viii) 82
- C. :
- NIL
- D. :
- (i) 205,100
 - (ii) 3:00
- E. :
- (i) 14,7600 rounds 50 cal.
 - (ii) 53160
 - (iii) 1800
- F. :
- (i) 18 - 5000 GP bombs (AN M103 nose, AN M101A2 tail)

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- F. : (ii) 18 - (2 - Halftracks and vehicles at Marle, O-1534)
 - (1 - Vehicles at O-930)
 - (2 - Halftrack at O-042392)
 - (2 - One Tiger tank at O-0331)
 - (2 - Fuel dump in house at Marle, O-1635)
 - (7 - Convoy of 50 M/Ts on roads at F-3041 - 3049)
 - (2 - Woods at O-3344)
- (iii) NIL
- (iv) Nil

G. : *none* Remark: - 2nd Lt. Gerald J. Grace, O-707293, 396th Fighter Squadron was seen to belly land at N-3706 after believed hit by flak. Lt Grace returned to his Squadron (uninjured) for duty on 1 September 1944.

H. : NIL

Other Claims:

M/Ts	64-0-10
Tanks	3-0-4
Halftracks	12-0-4
AT Gun	1-0-0

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For the Commanding Officer:

Maurice D Powell
 MAURICE D POWELL
 1st Lt., Air Corps,
 Ass't. Adjutant.

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