

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

GP-368-SU-07-C(Fi)

Dec, 1944 -

Jan, 1945

RETURN TO
RESEARCH STUDIES
INSTITUTE
U.S.A.F.
HISTORICAL DIVISION
ARCHIVES BRANCH

DECLASSIFIED
DOD Dec 52009, 27 Sep 58

MICROFILMED

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

SECRET

HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

I-T-1

AIG 595, US Army,
4 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 314.

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

Oprep A No. 276 for 24 hours ending sunset 1 December 1944.
Operations Order No. 263, Para. 4, Mission Y01-2, IX Tactical Air Command.

A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 24 P47Ds (D/Bombers) on a total of two squadron missions, of 12 A/C each, 1 December 1944 to support the 1st Infantry Division. Upon completion of bombing or if no targets are assigned, squadrons will conduct an armed recon between 1st Infantry Division Front and Rhine River, paying particular attention to enemy rail and M/T movements. 10 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs (instant nose, 1/40 tail fusing) and 8 A/C each carried 2x200# Frag bombs (instant fusing). Squadrons took off and landed at X-84. The data on these operations is as follows:

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time o/T
1	395	12	0905	1124	7 A/C released 13-500# GP bombs on tracks between F-235552 and F-212539 with direct hits cutting tracks at following points: F-212540, F-217542, F-230550 and F-238555. Bombing results-fair. 2-500# GP bombs were dropped on a steaming locomotive at F-279580-HRO. 4 A/C released 8-200# Frag bombs on M/T area at F-2758 from above clouds. Bad weather prevented bombing of assigned targets for the Ground Forces. 1-500# GP bomb was returned to base after a hang-up.	1015

- 1 -

SECRET

4738-S/O P 5 (G)
DEC. 1944 - JAN. 1945

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

Oprep A No. 276

SECRET

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
2	396	12	0945	1146	"Booby" told sqd. that they had 1050 no targets. Sqd. then contacted "Disco" #1 who vectored sqd. to target. 12 A/C released 16-500# GP bombs and 8-260# Frag bombs thru an overcast, on target believed to be Zulpich or Buskirchen MRO. Sqd. was informed when to release their bombs thru the overcast on a target by "Disco" #1.	

A. : One A/C was damaged by flak. No abortive or E/A were encountered. Much activity was noted in M/Y at F-289580. One V-1 was seen at 10000 feet at approximately J-9540. The flak at F-279580 was heavy, moderate and inaccurate; at Zulpich or Buskirchen area it was heavy, moderate and inaccurate. The weather was 9/10 to 10/10 with cloud layers between 4-6000 feet, with some cloud bases at 700 feet. Visibility was poor.

B. : (i) ✓ 24 F47Ds (D/Bombers - Support 1st Infantry Division - Armed Recon from 1st Infantry Division Front to Rhine River)
(ii) ✓ 24 - D/Bombers - Attacked targets.
(7 - D/Bombers - Tracks cut at F-212540, F-217542, F-230550 and F-238555)
(1 - D/Bomber - Locomotive at F-279580)
(4 - D/Bombers - M/Y area at F-2758)
(12 - D/Bombers - Either Zulpich or Buskirchen Area)
(iii) NIL
(iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) NIL
(vii) 1 - Damaged by flak, Cat. A.
(viii) 24

C. : (i) 14 - 150 gal. American external belly tanks.
(ii) 1

D. : (i) 56:30
(ii) NIL

E. : (i) 5088 rounds 50 cal.
(ii) ✓ 596
(iii) NIL

F. : (i) 32 - 500# GP bombs (AN M103 nose, AN M101A2 tail fusing)
16 - 260# 1st Frag bombs (AN M103 nose, AN M101A2 tail)
(ii) 31 - 500# GP bombs
16 - 260# Frag bombs
✓ (13 - 500# GP bombs - Tracks cut at F-212540, F-217542, F-230550 and F-238555)
✓ (2 - 500# GP bombs - Locomotive at F-279580)
✓ (8 - 260# Frag bombs - M/Y area at F-2758)

- 2 -

SECRET

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

Oprep A No. 276 contd.

S E C R E T

F. : (ii) ✓ (16 - 500# GP bombs - and
✓ (0 - 260# Frag bombs - On either Zulpich or Guskirchen)
(iii) NIL
(iv) NIL
1 - 500# GP bomb returned to base due to hang-up.

G. : NIL

H. : NIL

For the Commanding Officer:

Maurice D Powell
MAURICE D POWELL
Captain, Air Corps,
Ass't. Adjutant.

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

SECRET

HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

I-P-1

APO 595, US Army,
5 December 1944.

APL
HWS

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report, USAAF Form 94A.

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

Oprep A No. 277 for 24 hours ending sunset 2 December 1944.
Operations Order No. 264, Para. 3, Mission Y21-2, IX Tactical Air Command.

A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 36 F47Ds (D/Bombers) on a total of three squadron missions of 12 A/C each, 2 December 1944 to support the 1st Infantry Division. A heavily defended hill and strong point at F-070378 was to be attacked before 0900 hours if possible. Upon completion of bombing or if no targets are assigned, squadron will conduct an armed recon between the 1st Infantry Division Front and the Rhine River. 24 A/C each carried 2x500# GF bombs (instant nose, 1/10 tail fusing) and 12 A/C each carried 2x260# Frag bombs. Squadrons took off and landed at A-84 (except where noted). The data on these operations is as follows:

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time C/T
1	397	12	0815	1040	One A/C aborted shortly after take-off when landing gear failed to retract. 11 A/C proceeded on mission as briefed. 8 A/C released 2x500# GF bombs & 2x260# Frag bombs on a heavily defended hill and strong point at F-070378. Target was marked with smoke by "Organ". Excellent results obtained. 3 A/C released 2x500# GF bombs on an old quarry dump at F-090393 - good results. 1x500# GF bomb was dropped at F-1234. Sqd. then conducted recon towards Rhine River. Sqd. strafed train of 20-25 goods cars at F-275251, destroying locomotive and damaging all cars.	0905

- 1 -

SECRET

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

Oprep A No. 277 contd.

SECRET

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
1					Sqd. also strafed and destroyed a locomotive at F-450260; strafed and damaged 35 cars east of town of Reinbeck; strafed and destroyed locomotive at F-988490; strafed & destroyed a flak position at F-388490. One A/C made a belly landing at home base due to flak damage.	
2	395	12	1019	1250	4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on 1105 town of Oberzier F-105550 - bombing results were good with at least four hits observed in town. Target was assigned by "Booty". 3 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs & 8-260# Frag bombs on target of possibly a dump at F-145555-RRD. Bad weather hindered accurate bombing. On return from mission, 4 A/C landed at A-92 due to weather conditions. 7 ME 109s were seen in target area at 9000 feet, but because of bad weather, sqd. was unable to make attack. No encounter was made.	
3	396	12	0917	1135 (at A-89)	12 A/C released 16-500# GP bombs and 8-260# Frag bombs on target supposedly to contain tanks and infantry in town of Echtz at F-071482. Excellent results were obtained. Sqd. also strafed target which was assigned by "Booty". Upon completion of bombing, 11 A/C landed at A-89 due to weather conditions existing over home base at A-84. 1 A/C landed at A-93 because of rough engine.	1045
A.					Three A/C were damaged by flak. One A/C damaged by flak and belly landed at A-84. No B/A were encountered. The flak at 3245 was light and heavy, intense and very accurate; at F-3740 it was heavy, moderate and very accurate; at F-2725 it was light, intense and very accurate; at F-139602 the flak was light, intense and accurate; at F-071482 (target area) the flak was light, and heavy, moderate and accurate. Factories in Bonn and Cologne areas were still operating. The weather was variable over target areas throughout the morning, ranging from CAVU to 3/10 - 10/10 with some cloud bases as low as 2500 feet to tops of 8000. Visibility was fair.	
B.					(i) 36 H47Ds (D/Bombers - Support 1st Infantry Division - Armed Recce between 1st Infantry Division Front and Rhine River)	
					(ii) 35 - D/Bombers -	
					(8 - Strongly defended hill and strong point marked by smoke at F-070378)	
					(9 - Dump at F-090393)	
					(4 - Town of Oberzier at F-105550)	
					(8 - Target of a possible dump at F-145555)	
					(12 - Target of possibly tanks and infantry in town of Echtz at F-071482)	
					(iii) 1 - (c) Hydraulics - Landing gear would not retract because hydraulic screen was clogged with dirt.	

PR

- 2 -

SECRET

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

Opreg A No. 277 contd.

SECRET

- B. : (iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) NIL
(vii) ✓ 4 - 3-Damaged by flak, 1 Cat. AC, 2 Cat. A.
1-Damaged by flak and belly landed when returning
from mission, Cat. AC.
(viii) - 35
- C. : (i) 21 - 150 gal. American external belly tanks.
(ii) NIL
- D. : (i) 85.45
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 76320 rounds 50 cal.
(ii) ✓ 10860
(iii) NIL
- F. : (i) 48 - 500# GP bombs (AN M103 nose, AN M101A2 tail fusing)
24 - M81 - 260# Frag bombs (AN M103 nose, AN M100A2 tail)
(ii) 46 - 500# GP bombs
24 - 260# Frag bombs
✓ (8 - 500# GP bombs - and
✓ (8 - 260# Frag bombs - Smoke marked target - Hill
and strong point at F-070378)
✓ (5 - 500# GP bombs - Dump at F-090399)
✓ (1 - 500# GP bombs - Target at F-1234)
✓ (8 - 500# GP bombs - Town of Oberzier at F-105550)
✓ (8 - 500# GP bombs - and
✓ (8 - 260# Frag bombs - Target of possibly a dump
at F-145555)
✓ (16 - 500# GP bombs - and
✓ (8 - 260# Frag bombs - Target of possibly tanks
and infantry in town of Schtz F-071482)
(iii) NIL
(iv) NIL
2 - 500# GP bombs returned to base by abortive A/C
- G. : NIL
- H. : NIL

Other Claims:

Locomotives 3-0-0
G/Ws 0-0-55

For the Commanding Officer:

Murice D Powell
MURICE D POWELL
Captain, Air Corps,
Ass't. Adjutant.

- 3 -

SECRET

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

SECRET

HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

I-P-1

APO 595, US Army,
6 December 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 Control Section.

REF : SECRET

Oprep A No. 278 for 24 hours ending sunset 3 December 1944.
Operations Order No. 265, Para. 3, Mission Y21-2, IX Tactical Air Command.

A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 36 F47Ds (D/Bombers) on a total of three squadron missions of 12 A/C each, 3 December 1944 to support the 1st Infantry Division. Upon completion of bombing or if no targets are assigned, squadrons will conduct an armed reconce from 1st Infantry Division front to Rhine River, paying particular attention to enemy rail and M/V movements. 32 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs (instant nose, 1/40 tail fusing) and 4 A/C each carried 2x200# Frag bombs. Squadrons took off and landed at A-84. The data on these operations is as follows:

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
1	397	12	0821	1027	Sqd. contacted "Booty" who had 0930 no targets for sqd. Sqd. then flew armed reconce north to F-2067. Sqd. was then contacted by "Organ" who marked target for sqd with smoke. 12 A/C released 16-500# GP bombs & 8-200# Frag bombs on 7 tanks at F-080405. Tanks could not be seen from the air. Good bombing results reported by "Organ". Sqd. then flew armed reconce to SW in vicinity of F-1741 where 8-10 M/Ts were observed. Sqd. strafed & damaged 3 of these M/Ts. Sqd. also strafed & destroyed a locomotive & 5 cars at F-2533. It is believed that 2 jet propelled enemy A/C were seen at 25000 feet over K-9620.	

- 1 -

SECRET

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

Oprep A No. 278 contd.

SECRET

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
2	395	12	0930	1126	12 A/C released 22x500# GP bombs 1030 on target of 9 heavy gun positions assigned by "Booty", at edge of woods at F-122532. Excellent bombing obtained. Bombs were well concentrated on edge of woods. One 500# GP bomb was dropped armed at F-07545 and one at F-125518. Sqd. was then ordered to return to base.	24
3	396	12	0950	1144	12 A/C released 24-500# GP bombs 1040 on 8-12 gun positions in woods at F-122533. Bombing was very good with 16 good hits observed. Target was assigned by "Booty". At request by "Booty", sqd. strafed west side of town of Merken at F-075505-MRO. West sides of Merken was marked with smoke by "Booty". "Booty" said "good strafing". Sqd. then was ordered to return to base.	

A. : No abortive or R/A were encountered. One A/C was damaged by flak. The flak at F-1253 and Merken, F-075505 and at Duren to Julich was light and heavy, intense and fairly accurate; at F-1438, it was heavy, weak and accurate. Our troops were said to be east of Gay at F-0740. Small red, black and white balloons, about the size of a basket-ball were seen rising between our line and Duren area and were believed to be weather and wind balloons. The weather was generally 2-3/10 at 5-8000 feet, with 2 cloud layers over target area at 5500 and 7000 feet. Visibility was good.

B. : (i) 36 F47Ds (D/Bombers - Support 1st Infantry Division - Armed recon between 1st Infantry Division Front and Rhine River.)
(ii) 36 D/Bombers
(12 - D/Bombers - Smoke marked target believed to be 7 tanks at F-080405)
(12 - D/Bombers - Nine heavy gun positions - edge of woods at F-122532)
(12 - D/Bombers - 8-12 big gun positions in woods at F-122533)
(iii) NIL
(iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) NIL
(vii) 1 - Damaged by flak, Cat. A.
(viii) 36

C. : (i) 21 - 150 gal. American external belly tanks.
(ii) NIL

D. : (i) 78:45
(ii) NIL

E. : (i) 76320 rounds 50 cal.
(ii) 0494
(iii) NIL

RRR AEB

- 2 -

SECRET

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

Oprep A No. 278 contd.

SECRET

- F. : (i) 40 - 500# GP bombs (AN M103 nose, AN M101A2 tail - 1/40)
 24 - 500# GP bombs - AN M103 nose, AN M101A2 tail - 1/100)
 8 - 260# M81 Frag bombs - AN M103 nose, AN M100A2 tail)
 (ii) 64 - 500# GP bombs
 8 - 260# Frag bombs
 (16 - 500# GP bombs - and
 (8 - 260# Frag bombs - Smoke marked target of 7
 tanks at F-080405)
 (22 - 500# GP bombs - Nine heavy gun positions at
 edge of woods at F-122532)
 (1 - 500# GP bomb - F-0545)
 (1 - 500# GP bomb - F-125518)
 (24 - 500# GP bombs - 8-12 big gun positions in
 woods at F-122533)
- (iii) NIL
 (iv) NIL
- G. : NIL
- H. : NIL

Other Claims:

Locomotives	1-0-0
C/As	5-0-0
M/Ts	0-0-3

For the Commanding Officer:

Maurice D Powell
 MAURICE D POWELL
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Ass't. Adjutant.

- 3 -

SECRET

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

SECRET

HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

I-E-1

AFO 595, US Army,
6 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprop A Report. USAAF Form 31A.

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

Oprop A No. 279 for 24 hours ending sunset 4 December 1944.
Operations Order No. 266, Para. 3, Mission V21-2, IX Tactical
Air Command.

A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 48 M47Ds (D/Bombers) on a total of 4 squadron missions of 12 A/C each, 4 December 1944 to support 1st Infantry Division. Upon completion of bombing or if no targets are assigned, squadrons will conduct an armed recon between 1st Infantry Division Front and Rhine River, paying particular attention to enemy RR, M/Y and road traffic. 48 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs (instant nose, 1/40 tail fusing). Squadrons took-off and landed at A-84. The data on these operations is as follows:

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
1	396	12	1015	1122	12 A/C proceeded on mission as briefed. Sweepstakes contacted sqd. at Liege and instructed sqd. to return to base because of bad weather. 12 A/C returned 24-500# GP bombs to base.	
2	397	12	0919	1202	One A/C jettisoned 2-500# GP bombs safe 8 miles east of Liege after being hit by flak. A/C aborted and returned early. Sqd. contacted Disco. 2 A/C released 4-500# GP bombs in town on bldgs. and gun position at F-1422. Bombing was fair. 1 A/C released 2x500# GP bombs at F-2329-IR0. 7 A/C released 14-500# GP bombs on M/Y at Zulpich at F-2333. Of 75 G/Ws in yard, 30 cars were destroyed. Tracks were also cut.	1053

- 1 -

SECRET

J 1 8 1

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

Oprep A No. 279 contd.

SECRET

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
2					Big explosions were also noted. 1 A/C released 2-500# GP bombs north of F-2033 after a temporary hang-up-MRC. Sqd. then returned to base.	
3	397	12	1341	1545	12 A/C released 24-500# GP bombs on target assigned by Booty at F-075480. Target contained 8 gun emplacements. Fair results were observed. 4 houses on east side of road were hit and left smoking. Sqd. then conducted an armed recce at request of Booty, to Merken at F-075506 to Pier at F-058525 to Rhine River - nothing observed. 2 M/Ts were destroyed at F-302751.	1425
4	396	12	1433	1633	Sqd. was unable to locate target assigned by Booty due to weather conditions. Sqd. found a target thru a hole in overcast. 12 A/C released 24-500# GP bombs on two active factories at F-3350. 2-3 direct hits were observed on the factories. Small fires were noted. Bombing results were good. Factory appeared to be in operation at time of bombing.	1530

- A. : Two A/C were damaged by flak. No enemy A/C were encountered. 12-15 M/Ts were observed at F-2021 and 8-10 M/Ts at F-1624. M/Ts were not attacked due to flak and low ceiling. The flak at F-2833 and F-2038 and F-1422 was light, intense and fairly accurate; at Duren it was heavy, moderate and fairly accurate; at F-302751 it was light, intense and fairly accurate; at F-3350 it was light, intense and fairly accurate. The weather was generally 7/10 at 2-9000 feet - layers from 12 to 12000 feet, with visibility at 2 miles. Later in the day it was 8-9/10 with towering cumulus at 3-12000 feet. Visibility was poor.

Operations Order No. 266, Para. 7, Mission Y21-6, IX Tactical Air Command.

- A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 24 F 47Ds (D/Bombers) on a total of 2 squadron missions of 12 A/C each, 4 December 1944 to perform an armed recce in area from Fall (F-165165) to Euskirchen (F-330295) to Bruhl (F-116490) and along west side of Rhine River to Sinzig (F-055163) for the purpose of bombing and strafing enemy rail traffic. Squadrons to stay over target area to limit of endurance. 24 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs. Squadrons took off and landed at A-84. The data on these operations is as follows:

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
1	395	12	0923	1147	Sqd. was vectored to Disco by Sweepstakes and were told they were over enemy territory. 12 A/C released 24-500# GP bombs on target at Uxheim at I-3194-MRC. Bombing was made thru an overcast from 20000 feet. 1 A/C failed to return from mission. A/C was last seen when sqd started down thru overcast at 7-8000 feet in vicinity of F-0505. Pilot reported before sqd.	1040

- 2 -

SECRET

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

Operations Order No. 279 contd.

SECRET

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
1					Bombed target that his turbo regulator was acting up.	
2	395	12	1353	1618	4 A/C released (2-500# GF bombs thru hole in overcast on RR Junction at F-419536-RR). 1 A/C released 2x500# GF bombs on train at F-4347, destroying the locomotive and six G/Ws and damaging 9 G/Ws. 3 A/C released (2-500# GF bombs on RR Yard at F-4347, all near misses. 3 A/C released (2-500# GF bombs on M/Y at F-46247. Hits were observed on buildings and rails were gut in 3 places. 1 A/C released (2-500# GF bombs at F-2545. Bombing was generally good. Weather hindered bombing to some degree. Sqd. then flew recce to Buskirchen-Woblens area.	

A. : Two A/C were damaged by flak, Cat. A. No abortive or E/A were encountered. Much barge activity was noted around Koblenz area. The flak at F-4253 was heavy, intense and accurate. The weather was 9-10/10 at 1500 to 18000 feet - some icing. Visibility was good.

B. : (i) 72 F47Ds (D/Bombers -
 (48 - D/Bombers - Support 1st Infantry Division - Armed recce between 1st Infantry Division Front and Rhine River)
 (24 - Armed Recce in area from Kall (F-165165) to Buskirchen (F-338295) to Bruhl (F-418490) and along west side of Rhine River to Sinzig at F-655163) for purpose of bombing and strafing enemy rail traffic).

(ii) 59 - D/Bombers. - Attacked targets.
 (2 - Town, buildings and gun position at F-1422)
 (1 - Target at F-2329)
 (7 - M/Y at Zupich at F-2333)
 (1 - Target north of F-2333)
 (12 - 8 Gun emplacements at F-075480)
 (12 - Two active factories at F-3359)
 (12 - Targets in town of Uxheim at F-3194)
 (4 - R/R Junction at F-419536)
 (3 - R/R Yards at F-4347)
 (3 - M/Y at F-46247)
 (1 - Train of locomotive and 15 G/Ws at F-4347)
 (1 - Target at F-2545)

59 A/C completed missions - One D/Bomber was last seen going thru overcast when the squadron was returning from mission.

(iii) 13 - 12-(a) One squadron of A/C aborted due to weather when told to return to base by Sweepstakes.
 1-(a) A/C aborted after receiving flak damage and had to return early. Bombs were jettisoned.

(iv) NIL

- 3 -

SECRET

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

Oprep 4 No. 279 contd.

S E C R E T

- B. : (v) NIL
 (vi) 1 - A/C was last seen between 7-300 feet in vicinity of Honsfeld, Belgium after starting down thru overcast from 20000 feet. Pilot had remarked on way to target that he was having trouble with turbo regulator.
 (vii) 4 - 3-Damaged by flak, Cat. A.
 1-Damaged by flak, Cat. AC.
 (viii) 60
- C. : (i) 42 - 150 gal. American external belly tanks.
 (ii) NIL
- D. : (i) 158:45
 (ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 152640 rounds 50 cal.
 (ii) 3504 ✓
 (iii) 2120 ✓ *HEB*
- F. : (i) 144 - 500# G F bombs.
 (96 - 500# G F bombs (AN M103 nose, AN M101A2 - 1/40 tail)
 (48 - 500# G F Bombs (AN M103 nose, AN M101A2-1/100 tail)
 (ii) 118 - (1 - Town and buildings and gun position at F-1422)
 (2 - Target at F-2329)
 (14 - M/Y at Zupich at F-2333)
 (2 - North of M/Y at F-2332)
 (24 - 3 Gun emplacements at F-075480)
 (24 - Two active factories at F-3350)
 (24 - Town of Uxheim at F-3194)
 (8 - R/R Junction at F-419536)
 (2 - Moving train of locomotive and 15 cars at F-4347)
 (6 - R/R Yards at F-4347)
 (6 - M/Y at F-462487)
 (2 - Target at F-2545)
 (iii) 2
 (iv) NIL
 24 - 500# G F bombs returned to base by abortive A/C due to weather.
- G. : 1 Pilot - MIA - 2nd Lt James E. Stover, O-712052, 395th Fighter Squadron. Pilot was last seen as squadron was letting down thru overcast on returning to base flying (under control) down thru overcast at 7-3000 feet in vicinity of Honsfeld, Belgium (about 2 miles east). Pilot had reported on way to target that he was having trouble with his turbo regulator.
- H. : NIL

Other Claims:

Locomotives	1-0-0
G/Ts	36-0-0
M/Ts	2-0-0
Trailer	1-0-0

For the Commanding Officer:

Maurice D Powell
 MAURICE D POWELL
 Captain, Air Corps.
 Ass't. Adjutant.

- 4 -

S E C R E T

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

SECRET

HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

I-B-2

APO 595, U.S. Army,
8 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

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

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : S E C R E T

Oprep A No. 280 for 24 hours ending sunset 5 December 1944.
Operations Order No. 267, Para 3, Mission Y21-3, IX Tactical Air Command.

A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 71 P47Ds (D/B) on a total of six squadron missions 5 December 1944 to support the 1st Infantry Division. Upon completion of bombing or if no targets are assigned, squadrons will conduct an armed recce between 1st Infantry Division front and Rhine River, paying particular attention to enemy RR, M/Y and road traffic. 71 aircraft each carried 2 x 500# GP bombs (instant nose 1/40 tail fusing). Squadrons took off and landed at A-84. The data on these operations is as follows:

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
1	396	12	0829	1029	First target given by Booty was covered with 10/10 overcast. 12 a/c released 24 500# GP bombs on smoke-marked target (by "Boots") of a gun emplacement at F-062429. Excellent bombing observed. Squadron made uneventful recce toward Rhine River near Cologne and back at 14000 feet.	0910
2	395	12	0930	1150	Squadron contacted "Booty" who didn't have any targets for the squadron. Squadron then flew a recce to Rhine River south of Bonn "Booty" then instructed squadron to bomb a bridge. 12 a/c released 24 500# GP bombs on bridge	1050

SECRET

J 1 8 5

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

SECRET

Oprep A No. 280 cont'd.

Mission No.	Sgd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
2	395	12	0930	1150	at F-095486. The road near the bridge was hit at 3 places and the embankments on east side of bridge was damaged. Fair results obtained.	1050
3.	397	12	1033	1300	One a/c aborting near B/L due to radio failure and another a/c as its escort, returned to the base. 4 bombs were returned to the base. Squadron of 10 a/c contacted "Booty", who told the Squadron to bomb a troop concentration at F-054490. "Booty" marked target with smoke but no troops were observed by the squadron. "Booty" then assigned the target of troop concentration at F-060498. 10 a/c released 19 500# GP bombs on troop concentration at F-060498. "Booty" said good bombing. Squadron then conducted armed recce going to targets at F-5028 as directed by Sweepstakes. Here the squadron strafed 100 vehicles and other ground targets (see section H. for results).	
4.	396	12	1231	1447	12 a/c released 24 500# GP bombs on western part of Weidertzier at F-105550. Target assigned by Gardclub, good results obtained. Good results obtained with hits in western edge of town and rest of bombs falling into town. One flight of 4 a/c strafed dug in positions on edge of the Autobahn at F-070495, F-092497 at request of "Booty".	1325
5.	395	12	1130 1432	1545 1542	Squadron contacted "Booty", then Ballard and then Organ. At request of Organ, 12 a/c released 24 500# GP bombs on trenches and 2 gun emplacements in small town at F-0944. Generally fair results obtained with good disposal of bombs. Squadron made recce towards Bonn and Sinzig, nothing observed.	1420

SECRET

-2-

J 1 8 6

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

SECRET

Oprep A No. 280 cont'd.

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
6	397	11	1432	1642	Squadron contacted Booty and 1515 then Ballard and then Card-club who assigned target. 7 a/c released 14 bombs on bridge on Autobahn highway near Roer River at F-090495. Bombing good with bridge damaged. 4 a/c released 7 bombs on a "cloverleaf road" intersection at F-098498. Bombing excellent with 6 hits on road system observed. One bomb was dropped at F-0749 after temporary hang-up. Enemy a/c were called in to squadron by sweepstakes to be in Julich, Duren, and Coblenz area. Squadron proceeded to designated area but no E/AC were seen.	

- A. : No damaged or E/AC were encountered. Friendly M/Ts were seen approaching Julich at F-0451. Suspicious haystacks were seen east of Roer River. Train of 12-15 G/WS was seen at F-8726, 15 barges were seen at Simzig. The flak at F-1150 was light, heavy, intense and very accurate; at F-495255, F-4426, F-5332, was light, intense, and accurate; at F-090497 it was light, intense and fairly accurate. At an airport at F-335455 it was heavy, weak and accurate; at Duren it was heavy, moderate and very accurate. The weather was generally 10/10 in layers from 1000 feet to 5000 feet 6000 to 8000 and 12000 to 14000 feet. Holes in clouds appeared here and there. Later in the day it was 8/10 to 10/10 at 3000 to 11000 feet. Visibility was good.
- B. : (i) 71 P47Ds (D/E- Support 1st Infantry Division, armed recce between 1st Infantry Division Front and Rhine River).
- (ii) 69 (D/Bombers).
 (12 - Smoke marked target - Gun emplacement at F-069489) ✓
 (12 - Bridge at F-095486)
 (10 - Troop concentrations at F-060498)
 (12 - Western part of Niedlrzier at F-105550)
 (12 - Trenches and 2 gun emplacements in town of Gurzenich at F-0944)
 (7 - Bridge on Autobahn over Roer River at F-090495)
 (4 - Cloverleaf road interesection at F-098498) ✓
- (iii) 1 (c) Radio failure - Radio tube VT214 burned out.
 1 (d) Escort to abortive a/c. ✓

SECRET

-3-

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

Oprep A No. 280 cont'd.

SECRET

- B. : (iv) nil
 (v) nil
 (vi) nil
 (vii) nil
 (viii) 71 ✓
- C. : (i) 42-150 gal. American external belly tanks.
 (ii) nil
- D. : (i) 175:45.
 (ii) nil.
- E. : (i) 150520 rounds .50 cal.
 (ii) 19567.
 (iii) nil.
- F. : (i) 142 - 500# GP bombs (anM103 nose, AnM101A2, tail 1/40)
 (ii) 1374 - (24 -Gun emplacement at F-069489) ✓
 (24 -Bridge at F-095486) ✓
 (19 -Troop concentration at F-060498) ✓
 (24 -Western part of town of Neiderzier at F-105550) ✓
 (24 -Trenches and gun positions town of Gurzenich at F-0944) ✓
 (14 -Road bridge over Roer River at F-090495) ✓
 (7 -Cloverleaf road intersection at F-098498) ✓
 (1 -at F-0749)
 (iii) nil
 (iv) nil
 5 500# GP bombs returned to base, 4 by 2 abortive aircraft.
- G. : Nil
 H. : Nil

Other Claims:

M/Ts 32-0-46 ✓
 Staff Car 1-0-0 ✓
 Horse Drawn vech 2-0-0 ✓
 Trailers 3-0-1 ✓
 Motorcycle 1-0-0 ✓

For the Commanding Officer:

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

SECRET

-4-

J 1 8 8

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

SECRET

HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

I-P-1

APO 595, US Army,
9 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Cyprep 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 : SECRET

Cyprep A No. 281 for 24 hours ending sunset 6 December 1944.
Operations Order No. 268, Para. 5, Mission Y21-3, IX Tactical Air Command.

A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 36 F47Ds (D/Bombers) on a total of three squadron missions of 12 A/C each, 6 December 1944 to perform "584" Radio Controlled "blind Bombing" on Zulpich (F-291932) or Buskirchen (F-235295) as directed by "584" Controller. Bombs to be dropped from 10000 feet sea level I.A.S. of 200 LB. Upon completion of bombing, squadrons to conduct a fighter sweep from Bruhl (F-4248) to Gienkirchen (F-1082) to Wupperfurth (F-7680) to Bruhl (F-4248) to base. 36 A/C each carried 2x500# of bombs (1/10 nose, 1/100 tail fusing). Squadrons took-off and landed at A-34. The data on these operations is as follows:

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
1	395	12	1300	1540	Sqd. contacted Marmite I who vectored sqd. to target at 200 mph from 10000 feet. 12 A/C released 24-500# of bombs upon orders from Marmite I on town probably Zulpich at F-2333-TRC due to cloud coverage. Sqd. then conducted a fighter sweep as briefed to Mochen Gladback, east across Rhine River to Kolln and Bonn Area. Unidentified A/C at Lochen Lake were investigated & found to be friendly. Sqd. then returned to home base. The controller was challenged on this mission because of conflicting radio instructions. One controller could not respond to the challenge therefore was ignored by the sqd. leader.	1417

- 1 -

SECRET

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

Oprep A No. 281 contd.

SECRET

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time C/P
2	397	12	1359	1622	11 A/C from 10000 feet at 200 mph released 22-500 ^{1/2} GF bombs on town of Zulpich at F-2333 on orders of Marmite I. Two big fires were noted in southern part of city. A large building was observed to be hit - bombing results were good. 1 A/C released 2-500 ^{1/2} GF bombs at F-16025-NRE. Sqd. challenged Marmite I for proper code which was given. Sqd. then conducted a fighter sweep as briefed at 12000 feet - nothing observed.	1445
3	396	12	1430	1648	Sqd. contacted Marmite I who vectored sqd. to target. 12 A/C from 10000 feet at 200 mph, released 24-500 ^{1/2} GF bombs on town of Buskirchen at F-3429 with excellent results. All bombs fell in center of town just north of RR. Sqd. then conducted an uneventful fighter sweep to Iachen Lake. Sqd. challenged Marmite I for code which was given OK.	1512

A. : No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. One train was observed at F-430-10 but was not attacked due to cloud coverage. 5 M/Ts were seen scattered throughout area at F-130200. The flak in area of F-217952 was heavy, weak and accurate; over Buskirchen it was heavy, moderate and fairly accurate. Four projectiles resembling little ones were shot at our aircraft in area of F-130200. The weather on the first two missions was generally 8-10/10 cumulus at 3500 to 5000 feet. Visibility was good above clouds and hazy below. On the third mission, it was CAVU.

B. : (1) 36^{1/2} D/Bombers - Perform "584" - Radio Controlled - "Blind Bombing" on Zulpich at F-231332 and Buskirchen at F-335295 at discretion of "584" Controller - Fighter Sweep over designated area)

(ii) 36^{1/2} D/Bombers -
 (23 - D/Bombers - Town of Zulpich at F-2333)
 (12 - D/Bombers - Town of Buskirchen at F-3429)
 (1 - D/Bomber - At F-160250)

(iii) NIL
 (iv) NIL
 (v) NIL
 (vi) NIL
 (vii) NIL
 (viii) 36 ✓

C. : (1) 21 - 150 gal. American external belly tanks.
 (ii) NIL

D. : (1) 89:00
 (ii) NIL

E. : (1) 76320 rounds 50 cal.
 (ii) NIL
 (iii) NIL

577-24
72-72-4-0-18 Tom

- 2 -

SECRET

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

Oprep A No. 261 contd.

SECRET

F. : (i) 72 - 500# GF bombs (AN M109-1/10 nose, AN M101A2-1/100 tail)
(ii) 72 - (46 - Town of Zulpich at F-2339) ✓
(24 - Town of Euskirchen at F-3429)
(2 - At F-160250) ✓
(iii) NIL
(iv) NIL

G. : NIL

H. : NIL

V.T.

For the Commanding Officer:

Maurice D. Powell
MAURICE D. POWELL
Captain, Air Corps,
Ass't. Adjutant.

- 3 -
SECRET

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

I-3-1

APO 595, US Army,
9 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 94A.

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 Report No. 282 for 24 hours ending sunset 7 December 1944.
Operations Order No. 269, Para. 4, Mission Y21-3, IX Tactical
Air Command.

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

For the Commanding Officer:

Maurice D Powell
MAURICE D POWELL
Captain, Air Corps,
Ass't. Adjutant.

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

SECRET

HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

I-F-1

APO 595, US Army,
10 December 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 : SECRET

Oprep A No. 283 for 24 hours ending sunset 8 December 1944.
Operations Order No. 270, Para. 4, Mission Y21-3, IX Tactical Air Command.

A. : 12 P-47Ds of the 397th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from A-84 at 1131, 8 December 1944 to perform "584" Radio Controlled "Blind Bombing" mission on Zulpich (F-231332) and Euskirchen (F-335295) at discretion of "584" Controller. Bombs to be dropped from 10000 feet sea level at an I.A.S. of 200 m.p.h. After completion of bombing, squadron was to conduct a fighter sweep from Bruhl (F-4243) to Odenkirchen (F-1082) to Wupperfurth (F-7680) to Bruhl (F-4243) to base. 12 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs (12-1/10-1/100 tail fusing; 9-6 hour delay fusing and 3-12 hour delay fusing). Shortly after take-off, one A/C aborted due to gas gauge mechanism failure, returning 1-1/10 - 1/100 fusing bomb and 1-6 hour delay fusing bomb to base. 11 A/C proceeded on mission as briefed. Squadron contacted Marmite I who vectored squadron to town of Zulpich. Arriving over target at 1212 and from 10000 feet, 10 A/C on order from Marmite I, released 20x500# GP bombs on target at Zulpich, with excellent results. One A/C dropped two bombs at F-2332. After squadron had completed bombing, they started on a fighter sweep when they saw 4 Bogeys west of Bruhl. Squadron chased these to F-1457 and there the squadron saw 10 ME 109s and 30 FW 190s. These were pursued to area between Cologne and Eifel Canal and at 1220 and engagement took place. During encounter which followed, three ME 109s were destroyed and 2 FW 190s and 4 ME 109s damaged. One of our A/C failed to return. This A/C checked in with his flight leader at approximately 1235 when squadron was ordered to return for home base. Three other A/C were damaged by enemy A/C - one of which made a belly landing at home base. 10 A/C returned to A-84, landing at 1342. Light flak was observed throughout area of encounter when our A/C got too low. The weather over target area was 8/10 cumulus - base at 1500 and tops at 5000 feet. Visibility was excellent.

- 1 -

SECRET

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

Oprop A No. 293

SECRET

- B. :
- (i) 12 F47Ds (D/Bombers - Perform "584" Radio Controlled "Blind Bombing" on Zulpich or Buskirchen at discretion of "584" Controller - Fighter Sweep over designated area)
 - (ii) 11 ✓ (10 - D/Bombers - Town of Zulpich)
(1 - D/Bomber - At F-2337)
 - (iii) 1 ✓ (c) Instruments - Gasline gauge indicated incorrect gasline supply.
10 A/C completed mission as 1 A/C is missing and did not return to base.
 - (iv) NIL
 - (v) NIL
 - (vi) 1 ✓ A/C was last heard (Pilot said he was OK) from by flight leader at 1235 at about 10 miles west of Cologne, when squadron was ordered to start for home after being engaged with enemy A/C. A/C did not return from mission and it is believed to have been destroyed by enemy aircraft.
 - (vii) 3 - 1 - Damaged by enemy A/C, Cat. A.
1 - Damaged by enemy A/C, Cat. AC.
1 - Damaged by enemy A/C and belly landed, Cat. AC.
 - (viii) 11 ✓
- C. :
- (i) 7 - 150 gal. American external belly tanks.
 - (ii) 3
- D. :
- (i) 22:45
 - (ii) NIL
- E. :
- (i) 25,440 pounds 50 cal.
 - (ii) 5674 ✓
 - (iii) 2120 ✓
- F. :
- (i) 24 - 500# GP bombs -
(12 - AN M103 - 1/10 nose, AN M101A2 - 1/100 tail)
{ 9 - 6 hour delay
{ 3 - 12 hour delay
 - (ii) 22 ✓
(10 - 1/10-1/100 fusing -
{ 7 - 6 hour delay fusing -
{ 3 - 12 hour delay fusing - All on town of Zulpich)
{ 1 - 1/10-1/100 fusing - and
{ 1 - 6 hour delay fusing - At F-2337)
 - (iii) NIL
 - (iv) NIL
- G. :
- 1 ✓ Pilot - MA - F/O Charles W. Vicherman, T-2975 - Last reported to his flight leader at 1235, approximately 10 miles west of Cologne. He stated over the radio that he was OK. Pilot did not return to base. It is believed that his aircraft was shot down immediately after radio conversation. A F47 was seen to start on fire and go down by a pilot from another group a little after 1230.

- 2 -

SECRET

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

Group A No. 283 cont.

SECRET

In Air - 3-2-6

- H. : D (i) 1-ME 109 - 1st Lt. Edward W. Dame, 397th Fighter Sqd.
- 1-ME 109 - 1st Lt. Henry B. Hamilton, 397th Fighter Sqd.
- 1-ME 109 - 1st Lt. William C. Olden, 397th Fighter Sqd.
- (ii) NIL PD
- DHM (iii) 1-FW 190 - 1st Lt. Edward W. Dame, 397th Fighter Sqd.
- 1-ME 109 - 1st Lt. Henry B. Hamilton, 397th Fighter Sqd.
- 1-ME 109 - 2nd Lt. Robert D. Sharp, 397th Fighter Sqd.
- 1-ME 109 - Major Richard E. Leary, 397th Fighter Sqd.
- 1-ME 109 - 1st Lt. William S. Lewis, 397th Fighter Sqd.
- 1-FW 190 - 1st Lt. Henry B. Hamilton, 397th Fighter Sqd.
- (iv) 10-ME 109a ENC DUMMERD
- 30-FW 190a

For the Commanding Officer: *HDM*

3-ME 109 DEST - 0 - 0 - 2
FW 190 -

Maurice D Powell
MAURICE D POWELL
Captain, Air Corps,
Ass't. Adjutant.

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

I-F-1

APO 595, US Army,
10 December 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 General, 70th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical
Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : Oprep A No. 284 for 24 hours ending sunset 9 December 1944.
Operations Order No. 271, Para. 4, Mission Y21-3, IX Tactical
Air Command.

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

For the Commanding Officer:

Maurice D. Powell
MAURICE D. POWELL
Captain, Air Corps,
Asst. Adjutant.

*RR 787
NEB*

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

SECRET

HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

I-3-1

AFG 595, US Army
12 December 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.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : SECRET

Oprep A No. 285 for 24 hours ending sunset 10 December 1944.
Operations Order No. 272, Para. 4, Mission Y21-3, IX Tactical Air Command.

A. The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 48 F47Ds (34-D/Bombers and 4 as escorts, carrying 4 rockets each) on a total of 4 squadron missions of 12 A/C each, 10 December 1944 to support the 3rd Armored Division and the 9th Infantry Division. Upon completion of bombing, squadrons will conduct an armed recon between 9th Infantry Division Front and Rhine River, paying particular attention to enemy RR, R/T and road traffic. 34 A/C each carried 2x500# GF bombs (1/10-1/100 fusing). Squadrons took off and landed at A-84. The data on these operations is as follows:

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time o/T
1	395	12	1058	1335	Sqd. contacted Seascout who requested sqd. to attack a castle. 8 A/C released 16-500# GF bombs on smoke marked target-castle at F-950453. 2 direct hits were observed destroying tower and NE corner of castle. Upon request of Seascout, Sqd. strafed town of Schlich at F-060455, also fired 1 rocket-MRO. Sweepstakes told Sqd. of train of 50 cars at F-2139. Sqd. found train of 30 cars at F-267318. 4 A/C strafed and fired 12 rockets at this train, scoring one hit on cars-MRO. Group of B-2cs fired at Sqd. at 1220 at 9000 feet over Eschweiler.	1210

- 1 -

SECRET

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

Oprep A No. 285 contd.

SECRET

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
2	396	12	1204	1348	Sqd. contacted Instand who instructed Sqd. to bomb western part of town of Eclity F-072484. 10 A/C released 19-500# GP bombs on target. All bombs fell in town. Sqd. then conducted a recce only to Duren due to damage by flak encountered by A/C. One light gun between two haystacks at F-071536 was strafed and destroyed.	1300
3	397	12	1301	1535	Sqd. contacted Seascount who gave sqd. a smoke marked target at Schlich F-057453. 8 A/C released 15-500# GP bombs in town of Schlich at F-057453. Several bldgs. were destroyed and 4 direct hits on a crossroad were also observed. Bombing results were excellent. 1-500# GP bomb was dropped armed at F-0649 after a temporary hang-up. Unidentified A/C were reported by Marmite to sqd. but upon investigation were found to be friendly. At request of Instand, 3 A/C released 12-AR-5" rockets on a tank at F-060464. 2-3 direct hits observed. Tank was also strafed and claimed destroyed. Enemy tank appeared to be holding up a column of our tanks. 1 M/T was also destroyed at this point.	
4	395	12	1511	1652	Shortly after take-off, one A/C aborted due to pilot error. 11 A/C proceeded on mission as briefed. Sweepstakes informed sqd. of 30 enemy A/C in the same vicinity. Sqd. because of threat of being attacked, immediately jettisoned safe, 14-500# GP bombs and fired 15-AR 5" rockets at F-092484. After combing the area, no enemy A/C were located. Sqd. then conducted a fighter sweep to Maastricht-Duren-Bruhl-south of Duren and then returned to home base.	

A. : Five A/C were damaged; 3 by flak and one by blast of A/Cs own rocket and one by hitting a bird. No E/A were encountered. Friendly tanks were observed at F-040476. Heavy enemy artillery positions were seen at F-295243. The flak at F-2038 was heavy, weak and very accurate; south of Duren it was heavy, intense and fairly accurate; at F-1342 it was heavy, moderate and accurate; at F-072484, it was light, moderate and accurate. The weather during the day was variable, ranging from 2/10 to 10/10 from 1500 to 3000 feet, layers at 10000 and 13000 feet; to 9/10 with base at 18000 to unknown tops. Visibility was generally good.

B. : (1) 43 F47Da (14 - Escorts carrying 4 rockets each)
(34 - D/Bombers - Support 3rd Armored Division and 9th Infantry Division - Armed recce between 9th Infantry Division Front and Rhine River)

- 2 -
SECRET

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

Oprep & No. 285 contd.

SECRET

- (ii) 47 - (14 - Escorts completed mission)
(33 - D/Bombers)
(8 - D/Bombers - Town of Schlich F-057453)
(10 - D/Bombers - Town of Ehty F-072484)
(8 - D/Bombers - Castle at F-050453)
(7 - D/Bombers - Jettisoned bombs at K-392484 because of enemy A/C called in by Sweepstakes to be in immediate vicinity)
- (iii) 1 - D/Bomber (b) A/C aborted due to Pilot error. Pilot thought part of cowling was missing on another A/C. Based on this information, the A/C returned to base. After landing, the cowling was found to be OK.
- (iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) NIL
(vii) 5 ✓ 2-Damaged by Flak, Cat. A. ✓
1-Damaged by Flak, Cat. AC. ✓
1-Damaged by blast from own rocket, Cat. AC. ✓
1-Damaged by running into a bird, Cat. A. ✓
- (viii) 47
- C. : (i) 28 - 150 gal. American external belly tanks.
(ii) NIL
- D. : (i) 105:15
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 101760 rounds 50 cal.
56 - 5" AR - Rockets
(ii) 5209 rounds 50 cal.
25 - 5" AR - Rockets -
✓(12 - Tank at F-060464) ✓
✓(12 - Train at F-267318) ✓
(1 - Schlich F-060455) ✓
(iii) NIL
16 - 5" AR - Rockets returned to base.
15 - 5" AR - Rockets jettisoned because of E/A in vicinity.
- F. : (i) 68 - 500# GP bombs (AN M103 - 1/10 nose, and AN M10M2 - 1/100 tail fusing)
(ii) 51 - (15 - Town of Schlich at F-057453) 3
✓(1 - At F-0643) ✓
✓(19 - Town of Ehty at F-072484) 1 ✓
✓(16 - Castle at F-050453) ✓
(iii) 15 - (14 - Jettisoned by squadron when enemy A/C were called in by Sweepstakes)
(iv) NIL
2 - 500# GP bombs returned to base by abortive A/C. ✓
- G. : NIL

- 3 -
SECRET68-51-15-2 = 12.75
Rockets 56-25-0-31

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

Oprep A No. 285 contd.

SECRET

H. : NIL

Other claims:

1 Light Gun	1-0-0
1 Tank	1-0-0
R/T	1-0-0

For the Commanding Officer:

Maurice D Powell
MAURICE D POWELL
Captain, Air Corps,
Ass't. Adjutant.

SECRET

J 2 0 0

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

SECRET

HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

I-F-1

APO 595, US Army,
14 December 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.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : SECRET

Oprep A No. 286 for 24 hours ending sunset 11 December 1944.
Operations Order No. 273, Para. 4, Mission Y21-2, IX Tactical
Air Command.

A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 36 P47Ds (26-D/Bombers and 10 as Escort) on a total of three squadron missions of 12 A/C each, 11 December 1944 to Support the 3rd Armored Division and the 9th Infantry Division. Upon completion of bombing, squadrons will perform an armed recon between the 9th Infantry Division Front and the Rhine River, paying particular attention to enemy RR, R/Y and road traffic. 26 A/C each carried 2x500# G² bombs and 10 A/C as escorts, each carried 4x5" AR rockets. Squadrons took off and landed at A-04. The data on these operations is as follows:

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time o/T
1	396	12	1233	1457	Sqd. contacted Instand #2 who assigned and a target. 10 A/C released 20-500# G ² bombs on target in town of Hoven F-089490. good results obtained-all bombs in target area. 2 A/C released 7 rockets on 3 tanks between F-080425 and F-087475. One of these tanks was strafed and damaged at F-087475. Sqd. did not conduct an armed recon since Instand #2 took too long for target assignment.	1335

- 1 -

SECRET

J 2 U 1

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

Oprep A No. 286 contd.

SECRET

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
2	397	12	1334	1616	3 A/C released 6-500# GF Bombs on smoke marked target-strong point at F-080453 assigned by Seascout. Bombing was good. 4 A/C released 8-500# GF bombs on north part of town of Dericksweiler at F-0745-NRW. Target was marked by smoke by Seascout. 1 A/C released 2x500# GF bombs north of Euskirchen. 8 rockets (with 5 hits) were fired at a train of 25 to 30 flat cars and 8 box cars containing covered trucks and tanks located at F-2890. This train was also strafed. The results: 9 G/Ws destroyed, 15 damaged; 4 trucks, 3 tanks were destroyed and 7 trucks and 6 tanks were damaged.	1430
3	395	12	1432	1632	Sqd. contacted Instand #3 who assigned sqd. to target which was marked by smoke. 8 A/C released 15-500# GF bombs in NE edge of town of Mariaweller at F-090473 containing guns, tanks and troops. Good results obtained. Instand said "Good Show". One bomb was dropped in town of Echtz after a temporary hang-up. At request of Instand #3, sqd. strafed town of Hoven at F-0949. 14 rockets were released on 12-15 dug in gun positions between F-071495 to F-090496; gun positions at F-084495; 4-5 direct hits were observed. 3 positions were destroyed and 1 damaged. 1 tank was destroyed at F-085486; 2 damaged at F-088490 and 2 more damaged at F-0945 by strafing.	1515

A. : No abortive or E/A were encountered. 2 A/C were damaged by flak. Friendly tanks were seen in town of Echtz and another column seen on road at F-050470; another column in field at F-052485. One Lancaster hit by flak was seen to explode at 9000 feet at F-1031. The flak at F-1030 was heavy, light, moderate and fairly accurate; at F-086488 it was heavy, weak and accurate; at F-0945 it was light, intense and accurate. The weather over target area was generally 9-10/10 from 1500 to 8000 feet. Visibility was good.

B. : (i) 36 H47Ds - (10 - Escorts each carrying 4 rockets)
(26 - D/Bombers - Support 3rd Armored Division and 8th Infantry Division - Armored recon between 9th Infantry Division and Rhine River)

(ii) 36 - (10 - Escorts (Rockets))
(10 - D/Bombers - Target in town of Hoven at F-089490)
(3 - D/Bombers - Smoke marked target-strong points at F-080453)
(4 - D/Bombers - North part of town of Dericksweiler at F-0745)
(1 - D/Bomber - NW of Euskirchen)
(8 - D/Bombers - Woods containing guns, tanks and troops in NE part of town of Mariaweller at F-090472)

- 2 -

SECRET

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

Opreg A No. 286 contd.

SECRET

- B. : (iii) NIL
(iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) NIL
(vii) 2 - Damaged by flak, Cat. A.
(viii) 36
- C. : (i) 21 - 150 gal. American external belly tanks.
(ii) NIL
- D. : (i) 89:15
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 76920 rounds 50 cal.
(ii) 40 - 5" AR Rockets
(iii) 3764 rounds 50 cal.
29 - 5" AR - rockets
(7 - 3 tanks between F-080485 - F-087475)
(8 - Train of 25-30 flat cars and 8 box cars containing covered tank and trucks at F-0840)
(14- 12 to 16 dug in positions from F-071495 to F-090496 and gun positions at F-084495)
(iii) NIL
11-5" AR rockets returned to base.
- F. : (i) 52 - 500# GP bombs (AN M103-1/10 nose, AN M101A2-1/100 tail fusing)
(ii) 52 - (20 - Post of Hoven at F-089490)
(6 - Strong points at F-080453)
(8 - North part of Derichaweller at F-07145)
(2 - NW of Buskivchen)
(15 - Woods containing tanks, and troops NE of town of Mariaweller at F-090472)
(1 - Post of Echts)
(iii) NIL
(iv) NIL
- G. : NIL
- H. : NIL

Other Claims:

Tank 4-0-7
G/W 0-0-15
M/T 4-0-7
Gun Position 3-0-1

For the Commanding Officer:

Maurice D. Fossell
MAURICE D. FOSELL
Captain, Air Corps,
Ass't. Adjutant.

- 3 -

SECRET

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

SECRET

HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

I-P-1

APO 595, US Army,
15 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Sprep 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.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : SECRET

Sprep A No. 287 for 24 hours ending sunset 12 December 1944.
Operations Order No. 274, Para. 3, Mission Y21-11, IX Tactical Air Command.

A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 23 F47Ds (Fighter Bombers) on a total of two squadron missions, 12 December 1944 to perform a "Blind Bombing" mission. 23 A/C each carried 2x500# GF bombs (1/10-1/100 fusing). Bombs to be dropped on town of Buskirchen (P-335295) by "584" Radio Control from 15000 feet above sea level at 1.A.S. at 200 m.p.h. Squadrons took off and landed at A-04. The data on these operations is as follows:

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
1	397	11	1347	1514	Sqd. contacted Sweepstakes and then Disco I, who vectored sqd. to target. From 15000 feet, at 200 m.p.h., 11 A/C on order by Disco I released 22-500# GF bombs on town believed to be Buskirchen-NRC.	1420
2	395	12	1436	1638	Sqd. contacted Sweepstakes and then Marmite I, who vectored sqd. to target. 12 A/C released 24-500# GF bombs on railroad located one mile west of town of Buskirchen. Bombs were released from 15000 feet at 200 m.p.h. on order from Marmite I. One pilot reported seeing 3-4 possible hits on RR running NW to SE at P-516292. Majority of bombs fell north and NW of RR. Some R/T interfered with the count sequence for release of bombs as it was being given by Marmite I but bombs were released OK.	

- 1 -
SECRET

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

Oprep A No. 287 contd.

SECRET

- A. : No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. The flak over Euskirchen was heavy, moderate to intense and accurate. Two contrails were observed at 25000 feet, heading NW and appeared to come from vicinity of Bonn and Köln. The weather was generally 9/10 cumulus from 2-12000 feet with much haze. Visibility on top was good.
- B. : (i) 23 B-17Ds (Fighter Bombers - Perform "Blind Bombing" mission on town of Euskirchen (F-335295) by "58th" Radio Control)
 (ii) 23 - (11 - B/Bombers - Town of Euskirchen at F-335295)
 (12 - B/Bombers - Railroad about 1 mile west of Euskirchen)
 (iii) NIL
 (iv) NIL
 (v) NIL
 (vi) NIL
 (vii) NIL
 (viii) 23
- C. : (i) 14 - 150 gal. American external belly tanks.
 (ii) NIL
- D. : (i) 42:45
 (ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 42760 rounds 50 cal.
 (ii) NIL
 (iii) NIL
- F. : (i) 46 - 500# GP bombs (AT M103-1/10 nose, AT M101A2-1/100 tail fusing)
 (ii) 46 - (22 - Town of Euskirchen at F-335295)
 (24 - Railroad about 1 mile west of Euskirchen at F-316292)
 (iii) NIL
 (iv) NIL
- G. : NIL
- H. : NIL

For the Commanding Officer:

Maurice D. Powell
 MAURICE D. POWELL
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Ass't. Adjutant.

- 2 -

SECRET

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

S E C R E T

HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

I-P-1

APO 595, US Army,
17 December 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.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : S E C R E T

Oprop A No. 288 for 24 hours ending sunset 19 December 1944.
Operations Order No. 275, Mission Y21-4, IX Tactical Air Command.

A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 36 F47Ds (Fighter-Bombers) on a total of three squadron missions of 12 A/C each, 19 December 1944 to perform "584" Blind Bombing missions on towns of Duren and Zulpich by "584" Radio Control. 36 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs (1/10-1/100 fusing). Squadrons took off and landed at A-84. The data on these operations is as follows:

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
1	396	12	1302	1515	Sqd. contacted Marmite #1 who vectored sqd. to target. From 15000 feet, at 200 m.p.h., 12 A/C released 24-500# GP bombs on target, 3 miles NE of Duren-NRO. Sqd. then conducted an uneventful fighter sweep from Duren to Koblenz and back to Duren.	1335
2	395	12	1403	1630	Sqd. contacted Marmite #1 who vectored sqd. to target. From 15000 feet, at 200 m.p.h., 12 A/C released 24-500# GP bombs near Zulpich-NRO. Sqd. then conducted a racce at 26000 feet which was uneventful. Sqd. was vectored by Marmite #1.	1500
3	397	12	1458	1655	Sqd. contacted Marmite #2 who vectored sqd. to target. From 10000 feet, at 200 m.p.h., 12 A/C released 24-500# GP bombs on town of Zulpich-NRO. Sqd. then returned to home base.	1545

- 1 -

S E C R E T

J 2 0 6

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

Oprep A No. 288 contd.

SECRET

- A. : No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. The flak at Zulpich was heavy and light, moderate and accurate. The weather was generally 10/20 strato-cumulus up to 10000 feet with 3-4 cloud layers. Visibility was CAVU above overcast.
- B. : (i) 36 B-7Ds (Fighter Bombers - Perform "584" Blind Bombing missions on Duren and Zulpich at "584" Control)
 (ii) 36 - Fighter Bombers -
 (12 - Fighter Bombers - (Blind Bombing) Target 3 miles NE of Duren)
 (12 - Fighter Bombers - (Blind Bombing) Target near Zulpich)
 (12 - Fighter Bombers - (Blind Bombing) Town of Zulpich)
 (iii) NIL
 (iv) NIL
 (v) NIL
 (vi) NIL
 (vii) NIL
 (viii) 36
- C. : (i) 21 - 150 gal. American external belly tanks.
 (ii) NIL
- D. : (i) 83:00
 (ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 76320 rounds 50 cal.
 (ii) NIL
 (iii) NIL
- F. : (i) 72 - 500# GP bombs - (AN M103-1/10 nose, AN M101A2-1/100 tail fusing)
 (ii) 72 - (24 - Three miles NE of Duren)
 (24 - Target near Zulpich)
 (24 - Town of Zulpich)
 (iii) NIL
 (iv) NIL
- G. : NIL
- H. : NIL

For the Commanding Officer:

Maurice D Powell
 MAURICE D POWELL
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Ass't. Adjutant.

- 2 -

SECRET

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

SECRET

HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

I-P-1

APO 595, US Army,
17 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Cgrop & 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.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : SECRET

Cgrop A No. 289 for 24 hours ending sunset 14 December 1944.
Operations Order No. 276, Para. 4, Mission Y21-J, IX Tactical
Air Command.

- A. The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 24 F47Ds (16-B/Bombers each carrying 2x500# GF bombs and 6 A/C as escorts each carrying 4-6" AR rockets) on a total of two squadron missions of 12 A/C each, 14 December 1944 to support the 78th Infantry Division and the 6th Infantry Division. Upon completion of bombing, squadrons will perform an armed recon between the 78th Infantry Division Front and the Rhine River, paying particular attention to enemy H/R, M/T and road traffic. Squadrons took off and landed at A-04, except where noted. The data on these operations is as follows:

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time UP	Time down	Target	Time O/T
1	395	12	1334	1416	Sqd. contacted Foundation. 4 A/C released 8-500# GF bombs, by order of Foundation on gun positions in town of Mideggen at F-115272. Excellent results were obtained. 3 bldgs. were destroyed and much smoke was observed. 3 A/C released 6-500# GF bombs by order of Foundation on Stranch at F-0126. Good results obtained. 1 A/C dropped 1-500# GF bomb in vicinity of Stranch.	1415
2	397	12	1420	1640	No targets were assigned to sqd. 1600 sqd. attacked target of opportunity- Locomotive and 25-30 freight cars at F-2725 going east. 8 A/C released 16-500# GF bombs on train-destroying locomotive and 25 cars.	

- 1 -

SECRET

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

Oprep A No. 239 contd.

SECRET

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time UP	Time down	Target	Time TO/F
2	397	12	1420	1640 at A-78	One A/C (D/Bomber) was hit by flak over target area. The damaged A/C was brought over friendly territory where the pilot bailed out safely at K-7720 and has returned to home base. Pilot is slightly injured. Due to overcast over home base (A-34) squadron of 11 A/C landed at A-78.	1600

A. : No abortive or E/A were encountered. A hospital train of 10 plus cars were seen at F-2725. Possible location of tanks and trucks were seen at F-2819. The flak at F-115332 and F-0126 was light, moderate and fairly accurate; at F-2725 it was heavy and light, intense and accurate. The weather was generally layers of clouds of 5/10 to 7/10 coverage. Visibility was poor. Haze up to 6000 to 9000 feet.

B. : (i) 24 F47Ds (8 - Escorts-each carrying 4-5* rockets)
(16 - D/Bombers - Support the 78th Infantry Division and 8th Infantry Division - Armed recon from 78th Infantry Division Front to Rhine River)

(ii) 24 - (8 - Escorts - Carrying rockets)
(16 - D/Bombers)
(4 - Gun Positions in town of Nideggen at F-115332)
(3 - Town of Stranch at F-0126-marked by smoke)
(1 - In vicinity of Stranch)
(8 - Train of 1 locomotive and 25-30 freight cars at F-2725)

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

(vii) 1 - Damaged by flak and crashed after pilot was forced to bail out, Capt. E.
(viii) 24

C. : (i) 14 - 150 gal. American external belly tanks.
(ii) NIL

D. : (i) 61400
(ii) NIL

E. : (i) 50880 rounds 50 cal.
32 - 5* AR Rockets.
(ii) 1150
(iii) 2120
32.5* AR Rockets Returned to Base

F. : (i) 32 - 500# GP bombs (AN M109-1/10 nose, AN M101A2-1/100 tail)

- 2 -

SECRET

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

Opreg A No. 289 contd.

S E C R E T

- F. : (ii) 31 - (8 - Gun positions in town of Hiedeggen at F-115332)
 (6 - Town of Stanch at F-0126)
 (1 - Vicinity of Stanch)
 (16 - Train of 1 locomotive and 25-30 freight cars at
 F-0725)
- (iii) NIL
 (iv) NIL
 1-500% of bomb returned to base.
- G. : 1 - Pilot - LIA - 2nd Lt. Benjamin A. Poleson, O-716239,
 was slightly injured by fire in cockpit and bailing
 out of damaged A/C at F-7720. Pilot has returned to
 squadron and was hospitalized for his injuries. His
 A/C had been hit by flak.

H. : NIL

Other Claims:

Locomotive 1-0-0
 Buildings 3-0-0
 G/Ws 25-0-0

Operations Order No. 276, Para. 10, Mission Y21-9, IX Tactical
 Air Command.

- A. : Three F47Ds of the 395th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter
 Group took off from A-84 at 1403, 14 December 1944 on a leaflet
 bombing mission. 3 A/C each carried 3 leaflet bombs (ZG-61). 3
 A/C were to drop 2 ZG-61 leaflet bombs at each of the following
 coordinates: F-1133, F-1127, F-0425 and F-0221. 3 A/C proceeded
 on mission as briefed, arriving over designated area at 1452.
 From 9000 feet, 3 A/C dove to 4000 feet, releasing 2 ZG-61 leaflet
 bombs at each of the following points: F-1133, F-0425, F-0221 and
 F-085315. One ZG-61 leaflet bomb was dropped at F-083233. Flight
 of 3 A/C then left target area at 1507, landing at A-84 at 1542.
 No damaged, abortive or B/A were encountered. The flak at F-103302
 was heavy and accurate. The weather was 7/10 stratus cumulus at
 2-5000 feet with haze up to 5000 feet. Visibility was 4-5 miles.
- B. : (i) 3 F47Ds (Leaflet Bombers - To drop leaflet bombs at the
 following coordinates: F-1133, F-1127, F-0425
 and F-0221)
 (ii) 3 - Leaflet Bombers - Dropped leaflet bombs at F-1133,
 F-0425, F-0221 F-085315 and F-083233.
- (iii) NIL
 (iv) NIL
 (v) NIL
 (vi) NIL
 (vii) NIL
 (viii) 3
- C. : NIL

- 3 -

S E C R E T

J 2 1 0

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

Cprop # No. 289 contd.

SECRET

- D. : (i) 5:15
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 6960 rounds 50 cal.
(ii) NIL
(iii) NIL
- F. : (i) 9 - (2G-61) Leaflet Bombs
(ii) 9 - (2G-61) Leaflet bombs -
(2 - F-1133) (2 - F-0221)
(2 - F-0425) (2 - F-035915)
(1 - F-033233)
(iii) NIL
(iv) NIL
- G. : NIL
- H. : NIL

For the Commanding Officer:

Maurice D. Powell
 MAURICE D POWELL
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Ass't. Adjutant.

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

S E C R E T

HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

I-F-1

APO 595, US Army,
17 December 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.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : S E C R E T

Oprep A No. 290 for 24 hours ending sunset 15 December 1944.
Operations Order No. 277, Para. 9, Mission Y21-8, IX Tactical
Air Command.

- A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 48 F4U's (38-D/bombers and 10-Escorts, each carrying 4x5" rockets) on a total of four squadron missions of 12 A/C each, 15 December 1944 to support the 78th Infantry Division and the 8th Infantry Division. Upon completion of bombing, squadrons to conduct an armed reconce between 78th Infantry Division Front and the Rhine River, paying particular attention to enemy RR, M/Y and road traffic. 38 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs. Squadrons took off and landed at A-24. The data on these operations is as follows:

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
1	396	12	0919	1127	19 A/C released 20-500# GP bombs on town of Komzen at F-952220. Results appeared to be good. Target was assigned and marked by smoke by Foundation. Sqd. then conducted an armed reconce east to Erft Canal, north to Buskirchen, then south to Buskirchen and north along Erft Canal to Bruhl, to northeast of Duren.	1000
2	395	12	1018	1240	Sqd. contacted Disco I, who vectored sqd. to target. 7 A/C released 14-500# GP bombs on target believed to be at F-1361-NRO. The controlling of Disco I was poor. 1 A/C released 2-500# GP bombs at F-1630. Sweepstakes assigned tanks at F-029233 but due to bad weather, no tanks were found.	1145

- 1 -

S E C R E T

J 2 1 2

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

Oprep A No 290 contd.

SECRET

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/E Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
3	397	12	1135	1415	Target assigned by Foundation was not attacked due to weather. While on an armed recon to Euklenz, Gladback and north of Dusseldorf, sqd. bombed target of opportunity thru a break in the clouds. 8 A/C released 16 bombs on locomotive and 10 cars going south at F-221995. Bombing was good. Locomotive and 5 cars were destroyed and 5 cars were damaged. The track at this point was cut in two places.	1320
4	396	12	1232	1455	Sqd. contacted Disco I for target. "581" Blind Bombing mission was used. From 10000 feet, at 200 m.p.h. 12 A/C released 24-500# GF bombs on target 12 miles east of Eschweiler as directed by Disco I-TRC. Sqd. made an uneventful sweep toward Coblenz and returned home.	1350

A. : 5 A/C were damaged by flak. No abortive or E/A were encountered. A V-1 flying bomb was seen to hit at K-7531. A V-2 bomb was seen going up in vicinity of Bonn. A train of 10 cars was seen at A-230050, going west. Train was not attacked due to shortage of gas and because of poor weather. 18 barges and 3 tugs were seen on Rhine River north of Dussel, on east side of River. The flak at F-185650 and F-180605 was light, intense and accurate; at F-1361 it was heavy, moderate and very accurate. The weather was generally 10/10 cumulus over target areas, base at 2000 feet and tops at 5000 feet with holes in clouds appearing here and there. Visibility was good above overcast and poor below.

B. : (1) 48 F17Da (10 - Escorts-Carrying Rockets)
(38 - D/Bombers - Support 79th Infantry Division and the 8th Infantry Division - Armed recon between 79th Infantry Division Front and Rhine River)

(11) 48 - (10 - Escorts)
(38 - D/Bombers)
(10 - D/Bombers - Town of Konzen at K-952220)
(7 - D/Bombers - Believed to be at F-1361)
(1 - D/Bomber - At F-1630)
(8 - D/Bombers - Locomotive and 10 c/w's at F-221995)
(12 - D/Bombers - Target 12 miles east of Eschweiler)

(iii) NIL
(iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) NIL
(vii) 5 - 4-Damaged by flak, Cat. A.
1-Damaged by flak, Cat. AC.
(viii) 48

- 2 -

SECRET

+ 2 1 3

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

Oprep A No. 290 contd.

SECRET

- C. : (i) 28 - 150 gal. American external belly tanks.
(ii) 1
- D. : (i) 111:00
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 10176 rounds 50 cal.
40 5" AR rockets.
(ii) 1004
(iii) NIL
40 - 5" AR rockets returned to base.
- F. : (i) 76 - 500# GP bombs -
(8 - AN M103-1/10 nose, AN M101A2-1/100 tail fusing)
(68 - AN M103-1/10 nose, AN M101A2-1/40 tail fusing)
(ii) 76 - (20 - Target in town of Kannek at K-952220)
(14 - Believed to be at F-1361)
(2 - Target at F-1630)
(16 - Locomotive and 10 G/Ws at F-221995)
(24 - Target 12 miles east of Eschweiler)
(iii) NIL
(iv) NIL
- G. : NIL
- H. : NIL

Other Claims:

Locomotive 1-0-0
G/Ws 5-0-5

Operations Order No. 277, Para. 11, Mission Y21-10, IX
Tactical Air Command.

- A. : Four F47Ds of the 395th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from A-34 at 1045, 15 December 1944 to execute a leaflet-bombing mission over designated areas. 4 A/C carried 3-2G-61 leaflet bombs and 6-2G-73 leaflet bombs. Flight of 4 A/C proceeded on mission as briefed, arriving over designated areas at 1121. Flight contacted Sweepstakes who vectored squadron to target area. On order from Sweepstakes, 4 A/C released 6 2G-73 and 2 2G-61 leaflet bombs at 15 second intervals from 10000 feet on an area estimated to be between F-0617 and F-0624. Flight of 4 A/C then left target area, landing at A-34 at 1203. No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. No flak was observed during entire mission. The weather was 10/10 stratus - tops at 4-5000 feet. Visibility was 5 miles plus.

- 3 -

SECRET

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

Oprep A No. 290 contd.

SECRET

- B. : (i) 4 F47Ds (Leaflet Bombers - Drop leaflet bombs at designated points)
(ii) 4 - (Leaflet Bombers - Area between F-0617 and F-0624)
(iii) NIL
(iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) NIL
(vii) NIL
(viii) 4
- C. : (i) 2 - 150 gal. American external belly tanks.
(ii) NIL
- D. : (i) 6:00
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 4840 rounds 50 cal.
(ii) NIL
(iii) NIL
- F. : (i) 9 - Leaflet bombs -
(3 - ZG-61)
(6 - ZG-73)
(ii) 8 - (2 - ZG-61 - and
(6 - ZG-73 - Points between F-0617 and F-0624)
(iii) NIL
(iv) NIL
1 - ZG-61 leaflet bomb returned to base.
- G. : NIL
- H. : NIL

For the Commanding Officer:

Maurice D Powell
MAURICE D POWELL
Captain, Air Corps,
Ass't. Adjutant.

- 4 -

SECRET

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

I-2-1

APO 595, US Army
17 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 31A.

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

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : Oprep A No. 291 for 24 hours ending sunset 16 December 1944.
Operations Order No. 273, Para. 4, Mission Y21-3, IX Tactical
Air Command.

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

For the Commanding Officer:

Maurice D Powell
MAURICE D POWELL
Captain, Air Corps,
Ass't. Adjutant.

2071 RR

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

SECRET

HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

I-P-1

APO 595, US Army
21 December 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.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : SECRET

Oprep A No. 292 for 24 hours ending sunset 17 December 1944.
Operations Order No. 279, Para. 3, Mission Y21-2, IX Tactical
Air Command.

A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 52 F47Ds (34-D/Bombers, 18-Escorts, 16 of which each carried 4x5" AR rockets) on a total of four squadron missions, 17 December 1944 to support the 106th Infantry Division. If no targets are available, squadrons to perform an armed recce between Olsed (L-1795) - Trier (L-2129) and VIII Corps bomb line. Primary duty is to bomb and strafe enemy road traffic. 34 A/C each carried 2x500# GF bombs (1/10-1/40 fusing). Squadrons took off and landed at A-34. The data on these operations is as follows:

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
1	397	12	1043	1324	Sqd. jettisoned 16-500# GF bombs and 4-5" AR rockets at 1150 just before the sqd. was bounced by 22 FW 190s and 15 ME 109s at 12000 feet at Y-0779. During encounter with E/A, 3 ME 109s and 2 FW 190s were destroyed, 1 ME 109 was probably destroyed and 1 FW 190 was damaged. One of our A/C failed to return. A/C was seen to burst into flames during the enemy encounter. Pilot was not seen to bail out, nor was the A/C seen to crash.	1145
2	395	12	1139	1410	One A/C aborted because gasket 1230 blew out on hydraulic reservoir, jettisoned bombs and returned to base. Sqd. contacted Whistdrive who instructed Sqd. to conduct an armed recce to Schonberg where enemy vehicles were located.	

- 1 -

SECRET

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

Opreg A No. 292 contd.

SECRET

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time c/t
2	395				Just as an attack was being made, 12-15 MG 109s were called in to Sqd. C A/C jettisoned (safe) 12-500# GP bombs at F-9589. Sqd. then chased E/A into clouds and lost them. 1 A/C released 2-500# GP bombs at I-2275-WNC.	
3	396	12	1231	1449	4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on 1330 M/Ts and tanks in town of Schonberg F-9589. Bombing results were excellent. 1 tank and M/T were destroyed by direct hits. Other bombs landed in the town and on M/Ts. Another flight was getting ready to bomb when 20 plus FW 190s attacked sqd. at F-9589 from 9000 feet. 6 A/C jettisoned 12-500# GP bombs near F-9589. 2 A/C also jettisoned 8-5" AR Rockets. During encounter with enemy A/C, 5 FW 190s were destroyed and 3 FW 190s were damaged. One of our A/C failed to return and was in a steep dive when last seen and it is believed to have been shot down during encounter in vicinity of F-9589. Pilot was not seen to bail out, although 3 chutes were seen in area of encounter.	
4	397	16	1447	1709	Sweepstakes instructed sqd. to 1515 bomb town of Schonberg at F-9588. 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on convoy of vehicles at I-0591 as requested by Whistdrive-WNC. Sqd. fired 8 rockets and strafed tanks and M/Ts in area between St. Vith (F-8728) and Schenberg (F-9588) see section H for results. 3 rockets were fired on 2 gun positions at F-9588. Near misses observed.	

A. : Five A/C were damaged by flak. Friendly troops were seen between F-0588 and F-9285. Friendly panels were seen just west of Schonberg at F-9589. 50 plus white top vehicles were seen on road between F-9589 and F-999338, going west toward Schonberg. Many German vehicles were observed on road between Schonberg and St. Vith. The flak at I-0075 was heavy, intense and accurate; at F-0702 it was light and heavy, moderate and fairly accurate; at F-9291 for one mile radius, it was heavy and light, extremely intense and accurate. The weather was generally 10/10 overcast - tops at 24000 feet with 5/10 to 10/10 layers at various altitudes. Later it was 10/10 - base at 1000 feet. Visibility was good above overcast.

B. : (1) 52 F47Ds (18 - Escorts - (16 of which each carried 4-5" AR rockets)
 (34 - D/Bombers - Support 106th Infantry Division - Armed recon between Glaadt (I-1795) - Trier (I-2129) and VIII Corps bomb line)
 (11) 49 - (16 - Escorts - Completed missions)
 (33 - D/Bombers)

- 2 -

SECRET

J 2 1 8

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

Oprep A No. 292 contd.

SECRET

- B. : (ii) (8 - D/Bombers - Jettisoned bombs at L-0779 due to attack by E/A)
 (6 - D/Bombers - Jettisoned bombs at F-9399 in order to attack E/A)
 (1 - D/Bomber - Target at L-2275)
 (6 - D/Bomber - Jettisoned bombs at F-9589 due to attack by E/A)
 (4 - D/Bombers - Tanks and M/Ts in town of Schonberg at F-9589)
 (4 - D/Bombers - Vehicles in town of Schonberg at F-9588)
 (4 - D/Bombers - Concentration of vehicles at L-0591)
- (iii) 1 - (D/Bomber) (c) Gasket blew out on hydraulic reservoir causing the hydraulic system to fail.
- (iv) NIL
- (v) 1 - (Escort) A/C was believed severely damaged or destroyed by E/A during encounter over L-0779. A/C was last seen to burst into flames. Pilot was not seen to bail out or the A/C to crash.
- (vi) 1 - (Escort) A/C was destroyed by enemy A/C and last seen in a steep dive near Schonberg F-952889.
- (vii) 6 - 3 - Damaged by flak, Cat. A.
 2 - Damaged by flak, Cat. AC.
 1 - Damaged by hitting a tree, Cat. AC.
- (viii) 52
- C. : (i) 30 - 150 gal. American external belly tanks.
 (ii) 4
- D. : (i) 127:15
 (ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 110240 rounds 50 cal.
 64 - 5" AR Rockets.
 (ii) 20761 - rounds 50 cal.
 11 - 5" AR rockets.
 (8 - 5" AR rockets - M/Ts and tanks in area between St. Vith and Schonberg)
 (3 - 5" AR rockets - Two gun positions at F-9688)
- (iii) 4240 - rounds 50 cal.
 4 - 5" AR rockets lost on A/C MIA.
 37 - 5" AR rockets returned to base.
 12 - 5" AR rockets jettisoned because of E/A attacks.
- F. : (i) 68 - 500# GF bombs (AN M109-1/10 nose, AN M101A2-1/40 tail)
 (ii) 26 - (2 - Target at L-2275)
 (8 - Tanks and M/Ts in town of Schonberg at F-9589)
 (8 - Vehicles in town of Schonberg F-9588)
 (8 - Concentration of vehicles at L-0591)
- (iii) 42 - 40 jettisoned due to encounter with E/A.
 2 jettisoned by abortive A/C
- (iv) NIL
- G. : 2 - Pilots - MIA -
 1 - 2nd Lt. Frederick C. Stoll, O-015117 - A/C was seen to burst into flames during encounter with E/A over L-0779. Pilot was not seen to bail out.

- 3 -
SECRET

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

Oprep A No. 292 contd.

SECRET

JW

C. : 1- 2nd Lt. Robert M. Pace, O-770112 - A/C was shot down during encounter with enemy A/C and was last seen in a steep dive near P-9589. Three parachutes were seen in this vicinity but it is not certain whether one belonged to Lt Pace.

H. : In Air - 10-1-4

- (i) 2-FW 190s - 1st Lt William M. Kerr, 397th Fighter Sqd.
 2-ME 109s - 1st Lt William M. Kerr, 397th Fighter Sqd.
 1-ME 109 - 2nd Lt George I Bauer, 397th Fighter Sqd.
 1-FW 190 - Captain Alfred S. Benton, 396th Fighter Sqd.
 2-FW 190s - Captain Frank S. Berchner, 396th Fighter Sqd.
 1-FW 190 - 1st Lt George R Davis, 396th Fighter Sqd.
 1-FW 190 - 2nd Lt Boyd E Johnson, 396th Fighter Sqd.
- (ii) 1-ME 109 - 1st Lt William M Kerr, 397th Fighter Sqd.
- (iii) 1-FW 190 - 2nd Lt. Frederick C Stoll, 397th Fighter Sqd.
 1-FW 190 - Captain Frank S Berchner, 396th Fighter Sqd.
 1-FW 190 - 2nd Lt Boyd E Johnson, 396th Fighter Sqd.
 1-FW 190 - 2nd Lt Leslie G Hansen, 396th Fighter Sqd.
- (iv) M2 - FW 190s and 30 ME 109s

Other Claims:

M/T 29-0-74
 Tanks 2-0-2
 Artillery Guns 2-0-2

For the Commanding Officer:

Maurice D Powell
 MAURICE D POWELL
 Captain, Air Corps.
 Ass't. Adjutant.

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

S E C R E T

HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

I-P-1

APO 595, US Army,
22 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 31A.

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

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : S E C R E T

Oprep A No. 293 for 24 hours ending sunset 18 December 1944.
Operations Order No. 280, Para. 4, Mission Y21-3, IX Tactical
Air Command.

A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 55 P47Ds on a total of 8 squadron missions, 18 December 1944 to support the 28th Infantry Division. Upon completion of bombing, squadrons will conduct an armed recon between the 28th Infantry Division front and a horizontal line drawn between the coordinates F-4070 and I-4040, paying particular attention to enemy rail and road movements. 28 A/C as D/Bombers, each carried 2x500# GP bombs and 17 A/C as escorts (16 each carrying 4x5" AR Rockets). Squadrons took off and landed at A-34. The data on these operations is as follows:

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
1	395	16 ✓	0921	1102	Sqd. R/T over Hopercraft but weather was such that the sqd was unable to execute any attacks. Because of the bad weather (clouds from deck to 15000) the sqd was told to return to base, bringing back all bombs and rockets.	1020
2	396	16 ✓	1017	1225	One A/C aborted shortly after take-off returning 2-500# GP bombs to base. Sqd. because of bad weather over Hopercraft, contacted Sweepstakes who sent sqd. on an armed recon toward Aachen and to the east. 15 A/C released 30-500# GP bombs on 10 R/R cars and along R/R between F-279266 to F-278257. Bombing results were excellent. 10 R/R cars were destroyed. Some objects appeared to be black tanks containing oil and were left exploding and in flames after bombing.	1105

- 1 -

S E C R E T

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

Oprep A No. 299 cont.

SECRET

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time c/P
2	396	16			After bombing Enemy A/C were called into sqd. at Midgegen F-11330. Sqd. encountered 6 ME 109s and 6 FW 190s at 15000 feet. Some of the E/A appeared aggressive, others hid in clouds. During encounter, 2 ME 109s and 1 FW 190 were destroyed, 1 FW 190 probably destroyed and 1 FW 190 and 1 ME 109 damaged. (See Section H).	
3 ✓	397	15	1148	1448	One A/C aborted due to pilot error 1930 returning 2-500# GP bombs to base. Sqd. tried for 1-1/2 hours to contact Hopercraft but due to bad weather was unable to do so. Sqd. then flew north to area of F-2040. At 10700 feet sqd. was jumped by 30 ME 109s. 5 A/C released 10 bombs armed and 4 A/C released 8-500# GP unarmed at F-2040. 2 rockets were also jettisoned at F-2335. During encounter which followed, 4 ME 109s were destroyed, 1 ME 109 probably destroyed and one ME 109 damaged. One of our A/C is missing and was last seen during encounter over F-2040. A parachute was seen in this area at about the time A/C was last seen. 12 FW 190s and 2 other FW 190s were in this same encounter. It is believed that a ME 109 was sighted over F-2025 - no encounter. 2 ME 109s were seen at F-1015 and sqd. gave chase but another FW 190 attacked and destroyed 1 ME 109. 12 rockets were released at houses at F-1833, damaging 6 and destroying 2 white cars and 1 M/T. 6 M/Ts were destroyed and 6 damaged by strafing at F-1833.	
4	395	4 ✓	1246	1515	Flight of 4 A/C each carrying 4-5 AR rockets was scrambled to attack tank movement between K-7202 and K-9913. Due to overcast down to deck, flight was unable to locate targets. Flight aborted because of weather and returned to home base.	
5	395	12 ✓	1246	1520	Sqd. flew to Hauffalize F-6172 1920 where they saw our vehicles and also British M/Ts. Sqd. tried to contact Hopercraft but weather was too bad. Sqd. was sent to vicinity of Aachen by Marmite to help another sqd. in a dog fight. The flight was over when the sqd. arrived. Sqd. then aborted due to weather and returned to home base.	
6	396	14 ✓	1334	1632	Sqd. because of bad weather over Hopercraft, contacted Marmite who vectored sqd. to a target. 14 A/C released 28-500# GP bombs on 30 plus tanks between F-71000 and F-717025. Excellent results were obtained. 15 tanks were destroyed and 18 damaged. Sqd. also strafed tanks after bombing. Four large fires and explosions were observed. One of our A/C made a belly landing at K-9140 when sqd. was returning home - cause unknown.	

- 2 -
SECRET

J 2 2 2

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

Prep A No. 293 contd.

SECRET

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
7	397	4	1510	1700	4 A/C each carrying 4-5" AR rockets	1540
8	397	4	1515	1740	Flight contacted Marmite who tried to vector flight to target area but was unsuccessful. 2 A/C released 4-500# GP bombs on target of opportunity on Kreuzau F-1239. Flames and explosion were observed. 1 A/C jettisoned 2-500# GP bombs because of darkness which prevented a/c from attacking target. One A/C jettisoned 2-500# GP bombs because of damage to A/C by flak. 2 jet propelled E/A were seen at 17000 feet between Charleroi and Demant. Hepercraft did not respond to squadron call.	1700

- A. : 5 A/C were damaged by flak, two damaged by E/A 109. Friendly troops were seen at Monchau K-9912. Many friendly vehicles were seen going south at F-696100 and F-7410. A #47 was seen burning on the ground at K-8216. The flak at F-1513 to F-2393 was light and heavy, moderate and fairly accurate; at F-0922 it was light, intense and accurate. The weather was generally 10/10 stratus cumulus from deck - tops at 8000 to 15000 feet. Later in the day it was 10/10 at 9000 to 9500 feet, also 10/10 from deck to 4000 feet. Visibility above overcast was good.
- B. : (i) 85 F47Ds (17 - Escorts (16 of which each carried 4x5" AR rockets)
(68 - D/Bombers - Support 28th Infantry Division - Armed recon over designated areas)
- (ii) 51 - (9 - Escorts - Completed mission)
(42 - D/Bombers)
(15 - D/Bombers - R/R and 10 cars between F-279266 and F-278257)
(5 - D/Bombers - Jettisoned armed at F-3040 because of attack by E/A at F-3040)
(4 - D/Bombers - Jettisoned unarmed because of attack by E/A at F-3040)
(14 - D/Bombers - 30 plus tanks between K-710003 and K-717025)
(2 - D/Bombers - Target at Kreuzau F-1239)
(1 - D/Bomber - Jettisoned bombs because of darkness)
(1 - D/Bomber - Jettisoned bombs because of flak damage but A/C completed mission)
- 50 A/C completed mission - One A/C after jettisoning its bombs is missing from encounter with E/A.
- (iii) 34 - (a) 8 - Escorts with rockets for a specific target aborted due to weather over target area.
(a) 24 - D/Bombers - Aborted due to weather over target area.
(b) 1 - D/Bomber - Pilot error - Lost his flight and thought his radio was out.
(c) 1 - D/Bomber - Armature for generator failed-slowng faulty readings.

- 3 -

SECRET

J 2 2 3

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

Oprop A No. 293 contd.

SECRET

- B. : (iv) NHI
 (v) 1V(D/Bomber) - A/C last seen in area of F-2040 during encounter with ME 109a. Parachute was seen in area at time of encounter.
- DPH* (vi) NHI
 (vii) 8 - 3-Damaged by flick, 1 Cat. AC, 2 Cat. A.
 2-Damaged by E/A, Cat. AC.
 1-Damaged by E/A and flick, Cat. AC.
 1-Damaged by unknown cause, belly landed at F-2140.
 1-Damaged by friendly aircraft, Cat. AC.
- (viii) 84
- C. : (i) 82 - 150 gal. American external belly tanks.
 (ii) 7
- D. : (i) 19345
 (ii) NHI
- E. : (i) 180200 rounds 50 cal.
 84 - 5" AR Rockets.
 (ii) 15943 - rounds 50 cal.
 12 - 5" AR Rockets - Houses, cars and W/Ts at F-1033.
 (iii) 2120 - rounds 50 cal.
 50 - 5" AR Rockets returned to base.
 2 - 5" AR Rockets - were jettisoned.
- F. : (i) 136 - 500# GP bombs (M 2109-instant nose, M 2101AC-1/40 tail fusing)
 (ii) 72 - (30 - R/N lines and 10 G/Ws between F-27966 and F-27927)
 (26 - 30 plus tanks between F-710003 to F-717025)
 (4 - Target in town of Kreuzau F-1239)
 (10 - Armed at F-3040)
 (iii) 12 - 3 Jettisoned due to encounter with E/A.
 (iv) NHI
 52 - 500# GP bombs returned to base.
 (4 - By 2 abortive A/C)
 (48 - Due to weather conditions)
- G. : 1 - Pilot - MIA - 2nd Lt Jack L. Conant, O-715456. Pilot was last seen during encounter with enemy A/C at Wechemick. A/C was seen to go down with one wheel down. A parachute was seen in this vicinity and is believed to be his.
- H. : *DPH* In Air 7-C-3
 (i) 2-ME 109a - Captain John W Bear, 396th Fighter Sqd.
 1-FW 190 - 1st Lt Oliver S Ryerson, 396th Fighter Sqd.
 2-ME 109 - 2nd Lt Roland C Potter, 397th Fighter Sqd.
 1-ME 109 - Major Richard E Leary, 397th Fighter Sqd.
 1-ME 109 - 1st Lt Dallas J Clary, 397th Fighter Sqd.

- 4 -

SECRET

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

Oyrep & No. 299 contd.

SECRET

- (ii) 1-FW 190 - 2nd Lt William D Dunbar, 396th Fighter Sqd.
 1-ME 109 - 1st Lt Dallas J Clary, 397th Fighter Sqd.
- (iii) 1-ME 109 - Captain John W. Bauer, 396th Fighter Sqd.
 1-FW 190 - 2nd Lt Albert F. Brizandine, 396th Fighter Sqd.
 1-ME 109 - 2nd Lt Milton A Weinstein, 397th Fighter Sqd.
- (iv) 36 - ME 109s
 6 - FW 190s

Other Claims:

M/Ts	9-0-6
E/Ws	10-0-0
Tanks	15-0-10

For the Commanding Officer:

Maurice D Powell
 MAURICE D POWELL
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Ass't. Adjutant.

- 5 -
 SECRET

J 2 2 5

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

I-F-1

21 December 1944.
APO 595, US Army.

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.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : Oprep A No. 294 for 24 hours ending sunset 19 December 1944.
Operations Order No. 282, Para 3, Mission Y21-2, IX Tactical
Air Command.

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

Section C.

Change of Status on personnel casualties previously reported as MIA.

Oprep A No. 91, dated 7 June 1944.
2nd Lt Norman E Langmaid, 0805641 MIA to KIA.Oprep A No. 88, dated 7 June 1944.
2nd Lt Buel W Bates, 0688706 MIA to KIA.Oprep A No. 100, dated 10 June 1944.
1st Lt Edward (HMI) Haughton, 0681661 MIA to KIA.Oprep A No. 104, dated 14 June 1944.
2nd Lt Robert J Bechtold, 0693097 MIA to POW.Oprep A No. 112, dated 22 June 1944.
2nd Lt Paul R Jasper, 0745244 MIA to POW.Oprep A No. 134, dated 11 July 1944.
Captain Joseph (HMI) Marini, 0665839 MIA to POW.Oprep A No. 149, dated 26 July 1944.
Captain Robert S Anderson, 0667023 MIA to KIA.Oprep A No. 150, dated 27 July 1944.
2nd Lt Ruben G Bork, 0763473 MIA to LIA - SUS.Oprep A No. 155, dated 1 August 1944.
1st Lt Rudolph I Marko, 0745440 MIA to KIA.Oprep A No. 167, dated 14 August 1944.
Captain Thomas N Montag, 0732311 MIA to KIA.Oprep A No. 114, dated 24 June 1944.
1st Lt Jack B Robbins, 0674402 MIA to POW.Oprep A No. 73 part 1, dated 29 May 1944.
2nd Lt Curt C Doescher, 0815664, MIA to POW.Oprep A No. 130, dated 7 July 1944.
F/O Arlington J Clever, T-123192 MIA to POW.Oprep A No. 150, dated 27 July 1944.
1st Lt Grover Y Greenc, 0805612 MIA to POW

- 1 -

CONFIDENTIAL

J 2 2 6

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

C O N F I D E N T I A L

Oprep A No. 294 contd.

Oprep A No. 102, dated 12 June 1944
2nd Lt Robert W Rinehart, 0695941 MIA to POW.

For the Commanding Officer:

Maurice D Powell
MAURICE D POWELL
Captain, Air Corps,
Ass't. Adjutant.

- 2 -
C O N F I D E N T I A L

J 2 2 7

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

I-F-1

APO 595, US Army.
21 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 344.

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

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : Oprep A No. 295 for 24 hours ending sunset 20 December 1944.
Operations Order No. 283, Para. 2, Mission Y21-1, IX Tactical
Air Command.

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

For the Commanding Officer:

AM *RR* *M. D. Powell*
MAYRICE D POWELL
Captain, Air Corps,
Ass't. Adjutant.

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

I-2-1

APO 595, US Army
22 December 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.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : Oprep A No. 290 for 24 hours ending sunset 21 December 1944.
Operations Order No. 204, Para. 2, Mission Y21-1, IX Tactical
Air Command.

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

For the Commanding Officer:

RR *7677* *Maurice D Powell*
MAURICE D POWELL
Captain, Air Corps,
Ass't. Adjutant.

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

I-F-1

APO 595, US Army,
23 December 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.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : Oprep A No. 297 for 24 hours ending sunset 22 December 1944.
Operations Order No. 285, Para. 2, Mission V61-1, IX Tactical
Air Command.

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

For the Commanding Officer:

Maurice D Powell
MAURICE D POWELL
Captain, Air Corps,
Ass't. Adjutant.

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

SECRET

HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

I-F-1

APO 535, US Army,
30 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report, USAAF Form 31A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical
Control Unit.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical
Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : SECRET

Oprep A No. 298 for 24 hours ending sunset 29 December 1944.
Operations Order No. 286, Annex No. 1, Para. 1, Mission W51-A,
IX Tactical Air Command, under operational control of the XIX
Tactical Air Command.A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 59 B27Ds (45-
D/Boomers and 14-Escorts, each carrying 4-5" AR Rockets) on a total
of four squadron missions, 29 December 1944 to conduct an armed
reccce by squadrons along designated routes in the Trier area. Upon
completion of the first mission, squadrons will land at A-32 for
further operations. 45 A/C each carried 2x5000 GP bombs (1/10-1/40
fusing). Squadrons took off from A-8h and returned late in the day
to A-34. The data on these operations is as follows:

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
1	396	16	0937	1215 A-32	One A/C aborted shortly after take- off due to manifold pressure gauge failure, returning 2x5000 GP bombs to base. Sqd. of 15 A/C jettisoned 16-5000 GP bombs armed and 14-5000 GP bombs unarmed at approximately 1-3000 when the squadron saw bogies which proved to be friendly. Proceed- ing on with armed reccce and when over 1-2000, 2/A were seen attacking B-26s. Sqd. then jumped about 30 plus E/A (25 FW 190s and 5 ME 109s) who were attacking the B-26s. During encounter which followed, 12 FW 190s and 1 ME 109 were destroyed and 1 FW 190 damaged. One of our A/C bellied in enemy territory in vicinity of 1-2000, believed caused by engine failure. Pilot believed to be uninjured.	

- 1 -

SECRET

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

Ogrop A No. 298 cont.

SECRET

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
2	397	16	1012	1235 A-32	2 A/C aborted - 1 due to defective propeller governor and 1 as escort to abortive. 2x500# GP bombs were returned to base and 2 were jettisoned unarmed. 8 A/C released 16-500# GP bombs on train and M/T at Gerstein at L-7023. Good results obtained - 25 cars dest. and 25 damaged. 6 rockets were fired at train of 25 goods cars and oil cars at Monzingen L-9039 (near misses) all cars were then strafed - 20 damaged. 15 rockets were fired at 22 oil cars at Hornheim L-7031 (near misses). Damaged 22 by strafing. A box car and a control house were hit and both exploded. Sqd. then escorted 40 Ch7s on way out.	1100 1220
3	395	15	0910	1140 A-32	3 A/C released 16-500# GP bombs on 1015 at M/T at Mayenne L-6393-destroying 2 locomotives and 15 cars and damaging 15 cars. One A/C released 2-500# GP bombs on loco. at Cochem at L-5872 (near miss). 2 A/C released 4-500# GP bombs on rails at L-5882, cutting track in one place.	
4	395	12	1435	1653 A-32	3 A/C dropped 16-500# GP bombs armed at L-7290, before being jumped by 20 Fw 190s and 7 Ju 88s over Trift A/D L-7290. The E/A appeared to be very aggressive. During encounter which followed, 16 rockets were fired at E/A, 13 Fw 190s and 3 Ju 88s were destroyed and 5 Fw 190s were damaged. One of our pilots failed to return due to E/A. He was seen on fire going down but was not seen to bail out. One of our A/C landed at A-39 due to enemy aircraft action. Another A/C landed at A-78 due to damage inflicted by E/A. One pilot was WIA by enemy aircraft action.	1455

A. : 6 A/C were damaged due to encounter with E/A. A steaming train was observed in M/T at Neunkirchen L-6009. A V-2 contrail was seen south of Töblenz. F-98s were attacking our A/C of the 395th Fighter Squadron during encounter with E/A, damaging some of our A/C. The flak at L-3373 was heavy, weak and inaccurate; at L-7023 it was light moderate and accurate; at L-2005 it was heavy, weak and accurate. The weather was generally CATV with some haze at 2000 feet.

B. : (1) 59 F47Ds (14 - Escorts, each carrying 4-5" AR Rockets)
(45 - D/Bombers - Armed Recon by Sqds, along designated routes in Trier area)

(1) 56 - (14 - Escorts)
(42 - D/Bombers) -

- (6 - D/Bombers - Jettisoned bombs armed at L-6489)
- (7 - D/Bombers - Jettisoned bombs unarmed at L-6489 because of squadron attacking E/A)
- (8 - D/Bombers - Train of 20-30 cars and M/T at Gerstein L-7023)
- (8 - D/Bombers - Two locomotives and cars in M/T at Mayenne L-6393)
- (1 - D/Bomber - Locomotive at Cochem L-5872)
- (2 - D/Bombers - Rails at L-5882)
- (8 - D/Bombers - Jettisoned bombs armed at L-7290 when jumped by E/A)

54 A/C completed mission - 2 A/C were lost after bombs were jettisoned.

SECRET

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

Oprep A No. 298 cont'd

SECRET

- B. : (iii) 3 - 2-D/Bombers (c) Manifold pressure gauge failure - defective propellor governor.
1-D/Bomber (d) Escort to abortive A/C.
- (iv) NIL
- (v) 2 - 1 (d/bomber) Bellied in enemy territory at I-2090 - due to engine failure.
1 (d/bomber) Was seen on fire caused by enemy aircraft and going down over I-7298.
- (vi) NIL
- (vii) 6 - 3-Damaged by E/A and made belly landings, Cat. AC.
2-Damaged by E/A and friendly A/C, Cat. AC.
1-Damaged by E/A, Cat. AC.
- (viii) 56
- C. : (i) 20 - 150 gal. American external belly tanks.
(ii) NIL
- D. : (i) 146400
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 125080 rounds 50 cal.
56 - 5" AR Rockets
- (ii) 20147 rounds 50 cal.
32 - 5" AR Rockets -
(6 - Train and 35 cars at Monzingen I-9033)
(10 - 22 oil cars at Nornheim I-0634)
(16 - E/A during encounter over I-7298)
- (iii) 4240 rounds 50 cal. ✓
24 - 5" AR Rockets returned to base.
- F. : (i) 90 - 500# GP bombs (AN M103-1/10 nose, AN M101A2-1/40 tail)
(ii) 70 - (16 - Jettisoned armed at I-6489)
(16 - Train and M/Y at Oberstein I-7023)
(16 - Two locomotives, 35 cars in M/Y at Mayenne I-6393)
(2 - Locomotive at Cochem I-5372)
(4 - Rails at I-5882 - cut in 1 place)
(16 - Jettisoned armed at I-7298)
- (iii) 16 - (16 - due to encounter with E/A)
- (iv) NIL
- 4 - 500# GP bombs returned to base by 2 abortive A/C.
- G. : 2 - Pilots - MIA - 2nd Lt Joseph S. Busenbark, O-696999.
After being separated from his flight, pilot was seen engaged in an encounter with E/A and was also seen destroying one E/A. Shortly after he called to one pilot of his flight, saying his engine was cutting out and was starting for home. His A/C began to lose power and was seen to belly land about 35 miles west of Koblenz. Using his RT, pilot called, saying he was OK.
- 2nd Lt Bryce A. Rolston, O-1168872. A/C was shot down during enemy A/C encounter. A/C was seen to burst into flames in vicinity of Kraft A/D, Germany. Pilot was not seen to bail out.
- 1 - Pilot IWA - 2nd Lt Joseph D. Gianetti, O-818967 was wounded by 20 mm shells during engagement with E/A in vicinity of Kraft A/D, Germany. Pilot returned in his A/C to home base.

- 3 -
SECRET

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

Oprep A No. 298 contd.

SECRET

H. In Air 29-0-6

- (i) 1-FW 190 2nd Lt William D Dunbar, 396th Fighter Sqd.
 2-FW 190 Capt John W Baer, 396th Fighter Sqd.
 1-ME 109 1st Lt Jerry B Tullis, 396th Fighter Sqd.
 2-FW 190 1st Lt Jerry B Tullis, 396th Fighter Sqd.
 1-FW 190 1st Lt Frank S Kerchner, 396th Fighter Sqd.
 1-FW 190 2nd Lt Talbert S Newhart, 396th Fighter Sqd.
 1-FW 190 2nd Lt Albert F Brizendine, 396th Fighter Sqd.
 1-FW 190 2nd Lt William G Dixon, 396th Fighter Sqd.
 1-FW 190 2nd Lt Leslie G Hansen, 396th Fighter Sqd.
 1-FW 190 1st Lt Gerald J Grace, 396th Fighter Sqd.
 1-FW 190 2nd Lt Joseph S Busenbark, 396th Fighter Sqd.
 4-FW 190 2nd Lt William J Garry, 395th Fighter Sqd.
 1-FW 190 1st Lt James M Ivey, 395th Fighter Sqd.
 2-ME 109 1st Lt Hugh F Matthews, 395th Fighter Sqd.
 1-FW 190 1st Lt Hugh F Matthews, 395th Fighter Sqd.
 2-FW 190 2nd Lt William J Wayland, Jr, 395th Fighter Sqd.
 1-ME 109 2nd Lt William J Wayland, Jr, 395th Fighter Sqd.
 1-FW 190 1st Lt Donald H Hugg, 395th Fighter Sqd.
 2-FW 190 2nd Lt Marcus L Aldridge, 395th Fighter Sqd.
 2-FW 190 2nd Lt Eugene R Smith, 395th Fighter Sqd.
 1-FW 190 2nd Lt Charles R Foltz, 395th Fighter Sqd.
- (ii) NIL
- (iii) 1-FW 190 2nd Lt William J Wayland, Jr, 395th Fighter Sqd.
 1-FW 190 2nd Lt Marcus L Aldridge, 395th Fighter Sqd.
 1-FW 190 2nd Lt Eugene R Smith, 395th Fighter Sqd.
 1-FW 190 Capt Meredith W Henry, 396th Fighter Sqd.
 2-FW 190 2nd Lt Charles R Foltz, 395th Fighter Sqd
- (iv) 48 - FW 190 and 12 ME 109s

- I. : 3. 2-0-0
 4. 41-0-32
 11. 1-0-0
 14. 2

For the Commanding Officer:

Maurice D. Howell
 MAURICE D HOWELL
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Ass't. Adjutant.

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

SECRET

HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

I-3-1

APO 595, US Army.
31 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical
Control Unit.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical
Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : SECRET

Oprep A No. 299 for 24 hours ending sunset/24 December 1944.
Field Order No. 146, para. F, Mission W51-L, XIX Tactical
Air Command.

- A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 86 F47Ds (78-D/Bombers and 8 Escorts each carrying 4-5" AR Rockets) on a total of six squadron missions, 24 December 1944 to conduct an armed reconnaissance and attack targets of opportunity in the Break Through Area of Malmédy, St Vith, Wilts, Bastogne and St Hubert. 78 A/C as divebombers carried a total of 207-500# GP bombs. Squadrons took off and landed at A-34.

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time UP	Time Down	Target	Time O/T
1	396	12	0906	1135	Sqd. contacted Rippear who had no buildings to report. Sqd. flew recon as briefed, located target. 12 A/C released 21-500# GP bombs on a concentration of 18 tanks in vicinity of 1-51387. Results were fair with 1 tank destroyed and 2 damaged. 200#s and underbrush concealed the results of many hits.	0942
2	397	16	0940	1207	Sqd. contacted several controllers 1000 but no targets available. Contacted instead 9 who gave sqd target at Preineux. 8 A/C released 19-500# GP bombs in and around town of Preineux at 1-51387. Sqd. bombed target upon directions of the controller but pilots thought possibly our troops were in the town. 4 A/C released 11-500# GP bombs on concentration of enemy troops and many vehicles located east of town at 1-51382. 2 or 3 buildings were left burning. The sqd. then strafed and fired 10 rockets at tanks and 17 tanks in area 1-51382. 11 tanks, 12 M/Ts 1 armored car were claimed destroyed and 11 tanks and 13 M/Ts damaged. The ground control was poor on this mission. One of our A/C is missing. It was hit by flak at 1-51387 & pilot was seen to bail out and land safely in region of battle line.	10

- 1 -
SECRET

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

Field Order No. 299 contd.

SECRET

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time o/T
3	395	14	1006	1297	Sqd. made recon in area as briefed. 1150 14 A/C released 37-500% GP bombs on tanks and M/Ts in woods at F-328891. Results of bombing were generally concealed by the woods but 1 tank was destroyed, 1 tank damaged, 1 M/T towing a gun was destroyed and 3 hits were seen on a road. Some A/C strafed the area.	
4	396	12	1308	1520	Sqd. made recon in area NW of Recherath at K-978018 as requested by Blankwall. Sqd. found target of opportunity and 10 A/C released 28- 500% GP bombs on a concentration of 15 to 20 enemy M/Ts at F-300093. Bomb- ing was good with 8 M/Ts claimed de- stroyed and 7 M/Ts claimed damaged. 150 M/Ts on road between F-377885 and F-327879. Bombing was very good with 4 M/Ts claimed destroyed. 1 A/C re- leased 2-500% GP bombs at F-3534-280. Sqd. continued recon and returned to base.	1415
5	397	16	1405	1651	2 A/C aborted over enemy territory. 1444 One because of radio failure and the other as escort back to base. 2 A/C fired rockets at tank at F-5187. It was destroyed. Sqd. was then directed to Schleider at F-1115 by Blankwall. 12 A/C released 31-500% GP bombs on fuel dump and M/Ts at F-1115. Bombing results were excellent with fuel dump and 25 cars in M/T be- ing destroyed.	
6	395	16	1428	1710	1 A/C released 2-500% GP bombs on 1615 1 A/C and 1 half track at F-32278. Both were destroyed. 14 A/C released 31-500% GP bombs on concentration of 5 M/Ts, 1 tank and some horsedrawn vehicles located in woods at F-309775. All results were not observed but at least 3 M/Ts were destroyed. The Sqd. strafed 20 light gun emplacements at F-302777 and destroyed 3 of them. Sqd. also strafed and destroyed 1 M/T and 1 half track at F-7278.	

A. : No E/A were encountered on any of the missions. 7 A/C were damaged
by flak. The flak at F-327972 (target area) and F-322876 was light,
moderate and fairly accurate. 3 to 6 enemy tanks were observed at
F-300973. At least 3 enemy tanks and 10 M/Ts were observed in area
of F-300973. The flak at F-323888 was light, moderate and fairly accurate.
Many enemy M/Ts were seen in Schleider area. The weather was generally
C/W throughout the day with ground haze.

- B. :
- (i) 86 F47Ds (8 - Escorts each carrying 4 rockets)
(78 - D/Bombers - Armed recon - Attack targets of
opportunity in the Break Mission Area)
 - (ii) 54 - (6 - Escorts and -
(78 - D/Bombers - Attack targets)
 - 83 A/C completed missions as one A/C (D/Bomber) was lost
due to enemy flak at F-322876 after it had divebombed
its target.
 - (iii) 2 - (Escorts) 1 (c) Radio failure
1 (d) Escort to abortive A/C.
 - (iv) Nil
 - (v) Nil

- 2 -

SECRET

J 2 3 6

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

Oprep A No. 299 cont.

SECRET

- B. : (vi) 1 - (D/Dumber) A/C was hit by enemy flak at P-332876. Pilot was seen to bail out and land safely.
 (vii) 7 - Damaged by flak, Cat. A.
 (viii) 06
- C. : (i) 12 - 150 gal. American external belly tanks.
 (ii) 2
- D. : (i) 214:15
 (ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 182300 rounds 50 cal.
 (ii) 21724
 (iii) 2120
 (iv) 28 - 5" AR Rockets
 (v) 15
 (vi) NIL
 14 returned to base (8 by abortive A/C)
- F. : (i) 207 - 500# GP bombs (AN M203 1/10 nose, AN M2012 1/10 tail)
 (ii) 200
 (iii) NIL
 (iv) NIL
 7-500# GP bombs returned to base.
- G. : 1 - Pilot C/MR - 2nd Lt Donald W. Evans, O-711977. His A/C was hit by enemy flak at P-332876. He bailed out OK and was seen to land safely in region of the battle line.
- H. : NIL
- I. : 1. 30-0-00
 2. 17-0-18
 3. 25-0-0
 4. 3-0-0
 5. 1-0-0
 14. 1
 15. 1
- 207-200-0-0 500#*
AP-32-18-0-4
MP
7

For the Commanding Officer:

M. D. Fawell
 MARICE D FAWELL
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Asst. Adjutant.

- 3 -
 SECRET

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

SECRET

HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

I-P-1

APO 595, US Army,
2 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical
Control Unit.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical
Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : SECRET

Oprep A No. 300 for 24 hours ending sunset 25 December 1944.
Field Order No. 147, Para. F, Mission WJ1-4, XIX Tactical
Air Command.

A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 55 F4Us (43-D/Bombers and 12 Escorts, each carrying 4-5* AR Rockets) on a total of 4 squadron missions, 25 December 1944 to conduct an armed reconnaissance and attack targets of opportunity in the Breakthrough Area of Malmedy, St Vith, Wiltz, Bastogne and St Hubert. 43 A/C carried a total of 112 - 500# GP bombs. Squadrons took off and landed at A-34. The data on these operations is as follows:

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time UP	Time Down	Target	Time O/T
1	397	16	1012	1246	Sqd. contacted Ripsaw who direct-1045 ed sqd. to target. 4 A/C released 12 bombs on concentration of 30-40 vehicles at I-1496-1497. NRO due to crash. 4 A/C released 10 bombs on 2 tanks (dest.) at target I-2192. 4 A/C released 11 bombs on 4 armored vehicles (damaged) at I-1496. 2 A/C then strafed and destroyed 16 M/Ts & armored cars; damaged 9 W/Ts at I-1496. One rocket was fired at half-track at I-1894-NRO. One of our A/C was hit by flak on a dive-bomb run and was seen to crash and explode at I-140970. Pilot was not seen to bail out.	
2	395	16	1035	1249	One A/C aborted before reaching 1105 enemy territory due to generator trouble, returning 3-500# GP bombs to base. Sqd. contacted Ripsaw who gave sqd. target - a concentration of vehicles at F-9590. 11 A/C released 29-500# GP bombs on concentration of many vehicles from F-9588 to F-9088.	

- 1 -

SECRET

J 2 3 8

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

Oprep A No. 300 contd.

SECRET

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time C/T
2	395	16			Bombing results were good with 12 M/Ts dest. and many IRO. One rocket was fired (missed) at tank in this area. 4 rockets were fired at AE position IRO but gun stopped firing. 12 M/Ts were dest. and 2 damaged by strafing in same area. One armored vehicle was damaged. One of our A/C was hit by flak while strafing. Pilot was seen to bail out and land safely at I-015070. One of our A/C, which was already damaged by flak, attacked 12 FW 190s who were starting to dive-bomb south of Liege. This encounter disturbed the enemy attack. Some Typhoons came in to engage the enemy. No claims made.	
3	396	11	1100	1329	3 A/C released 8 bombs on 12 M/Ts and 6 tanks at I-750881. Results, 2 tanks dest. 4 A/C released 12 bombs on 12 M/Ts and 6 tanks at I-742009. Results-1 tank and 4 M/T damaged. Targets were assigned by Ripaw Sq. Sqd. also strafed and dest. 2 M/Ts at I-018898. 4 A/C released 10 bombs armed at I-7990 in order that the sqd. could attack 15 ME 109s and FW 190s who were attacking B-24s over I-0270. Sqd. started after B/A but the B/A after one pass at the bombers, hit the deck and went for home. No encounter was made.	1155
4	397	12	1337	1549	Ripaw had no targets for Sqd. Sqd. 1415 then attacked targets of opportunity. 4 A/C released 3 bombs on road intersection at I-0599. Road was cut. 4 A/C released 8 bombs on vehicles on road at I-1190. 8 vehicles were dest and road was cut. Sqd. then strafed and fired 16 rockets on M/Ts and tanks in area 3 to 4 miles radius at I-0592. 6 tanks were dest and 3 damaged; 10 M/Ts were dest. and 35 damaged; 8 enemy soldiers were destroyed. Of the 301 M/Ts destroyed, 25 of them were carrying gas. One of our A/C landed at A-92 when returning from mission.	
A.	:	11 A/C were damaged by flak. Four-five B-24s were seen to go down over Malmedy. 10 V-2 contrails were seen East of Aachen between 1015 and 1115. The flak at I-2297, I-0891 was heavy, intense and accurate; at I-9589 it was light, very intense and accurate; at I-1496 it was light, intense and very accurate. The weather was CAVU.				
B.	:	(1) 55 F47Ds (12 - Escorts - each carrying 4-5* AR Rockets) (43 - D/Bombers - Armed Recce - Attack targets of opportunity in Breakthrough areas of Malmedy, St Vith, Wiltz, Bastogne, and St Hubert)				
	:	(11) 54 - (18 2 nd 4 th) Escorts, each carrying 4-5* AR Rockets) (42 - D/Bombers - Attached targets (4 A/C released their bombs armed at I-7990 in order to attack B/A)				
	:	52 A/C completed missions, as one D/Bomber was lost because of flak after it had bombed its target and was pulling up.				
	:	(11) 1 - (D/Bomber) - (c) Generator failure.				

- 2 -

SECRET

J 2 3 9

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

Oprop & No. 300 contd.

SECRET

- B. : (iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) 2 - 1-(D/Bomber) A/C was hit by flak while on its bomb-run and was seen to crash and explode at I-140970. Pilot was not seen to bail out.
1-(Escort) A/C was hit by flak while strafing M/Ts. Pilot was seen to bail out and land safely at F-045070.
(vii) 11 - (9-Damaged by flak, Cat. A.)
(2-Damaged by flak, Cat. A0.)
(viii) 54
- C. : (i) 13 - 150 gal. American external belly tanks.
(ii) 5
- D. : (i) 12930
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 116600 rounds 50 cal.
(ii) 29129
(iii) 4240
(i) 48 - 5" AF Rockets.
(ii) 22
(iii) 4
22 returned to base.
- F. : (i) 112 - 500# GP bombs (AN M103-1/10 nose, AN M101A2-1/40 tail)
(ii) 109
(iii) 1
(iv) NIL
3 returned to base by abortive A/C.
- G. : 2 - Pilots - NIL - 2nd Lt Jack W. White, O-77004S. A/C was hit by flak and was seen to crash and explode at I-140970 during the dive bomb run. Pilot was not seen to bail out.
2nd Lt George E. Swink, O-76999B. A/C was hit by flak during strafing of M/Ts and pilot was seen to bail out and land safely at F-045070.
- H. : (i) NIL
(ii) NIL
(iii) NIL
(iv) 27 ME 109s and FW 190s.
- I. : 1. 152-0-40
2. 12-0-9
3. 1-0-0
10. 2-0-0 A/R/MO CAR

For the Commanding Officer:

Maurice Powell
MAURICE D POWELL
Captain, Air Corps,
Ass't. Adjutant.

- 3 -

SECRET

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

I-F-1

AFC 595, US Army,
1 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 94A

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical
Control Unit.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical
Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : Oprep A No. 301 for 24 hours ending sunset 26 December 1944.
Field Order No. 148, Para. 6, Mission W51-4, XIX Tactical
Air Command.

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

For the Commanding Officer:

M
Maurice D. Powell
MAURICE D. POWELL
Captain, Air Corps,
Ass't. Adjutant.

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

SECRET

HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

I-P-1

APO 595, US Army,
1 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 94A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : SECRET

Oprep A No. 302 for 24 hours ending sunset 27 December 1944.
Field Order No. 140, Par. G, Mission W51-A, XIX Tactical Air Command.

A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 40 P47Ds (33-D/Bombers and 7 Escorts, 4 of which each carried 4-5" AR Rockets) on a total of three squadron missions, 27 December 1944, to conduct area recce and to attack targets of opportunity in the Breakthrough Area of salmedy, St Vith, Wiltz, Bastogne and St Hubert. 33 A/C as divebombers carried a total of 40-500# GP bombs. Squadrons took off from A-04 and landed at A-06. The data on these missions is as follows:

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time C/T
1	396	12	1930	1925	2 A/C aborted before reaching target area; 1 because of oil leak in the cylinders and the other because of pilot error. Sqd. then conducted recce as briefed. 10 A/C released 20-500# GP bombs on 15 to 20 M/Ts in vicinity of crossroads at P-915877. Bombing results were generally very good with 15 M/Ts claimed destroyed and good hits on 3 roads.	1415
2	395	12	1920	1935	Sqd. proceeded to target area and 1410 attacked various targets of opportunity. 1 A/C released 2-500# GP bombs on M/Ts at P-91832, destroying 2. 3 A/C released 3-500# GP bombs on town of Braunlaun at P-005810, destroying 1 M/T and hitting many blgs. 3 A/C released 3-500# GP bombs on concentration of M/Ts at P-330908, destroying two. 1 A/C released 1-500# GP bomb on A1 Gun at P-338891-TWC. 1 A/C released 2-500# GP bombs on concentration of M/Ts at P-338905, destroying 2 M/Ts and damaging two. 1 A/C released 3-500# GP bombs on a tank at P-332943, destroying it. 1 A/C released 3-500# GP bombs on tank at P-332905, destroying it.	

- 1 -

SECRET

J 2 4 2

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

Oprep A No. 302 contd.

SECRET

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time D/F
2	395				1 A/C released 2-500# GF bombs on 5 M/Ts at E-372008-1440. Sqd. strafed M/Ts and tanks in vicinity of E-374905, destroying 1 M/T and damaging 1 M/T and 4 tanks.	
3	397	16	1945	1610	9 A/C released 26-500# GF bombs on road between E-3791 to E-3896. Bombing results were very good, 12 bombs hit on road cutting it in 8 places. 1 M/T was destroyed, and strafed and fired 14 rockets at M/Ts and tanks in areas of E-382802 and E-3902 claiming as destroyed 34 M/Ts, 2 tanks and 2 half tracks and as damaged 35 M/Ts.	1440
A.	:				3 A/C were damaged by flak and small arms fire. No E/A were encountered on any of the squadron missions. The flak at E-3900 was heavy, intense and fairly accurate; at E-3891 it was light, intense and fairly accurate; at E-3902 it was light, weak and accurate. The weather was CAVC with some ground haze.	
B.	:				(i) 40 E/Ts (7 - Escorts - 4 of which each carried 4-5" AR Rockets) (33- D/Bombers - Armed recon of breakthrough Area) (ii) 30 (7 - Escorts) (31- D/Bombers attack targets) (iii) 2 - (D/Bombers) (b) 1-pilot error - returned because pilot thought engine was rough. (c) 1-oil leaking into cylinders. (iv) NIL (v) NIL (vi) NIL (vii) 3 - 1-Damaged by flak, Sgt. AC. 2-Damaged by flak and small arms, Sgt. A. 2-Damaged by flak and small arms, Sgt. AC. (viii) 30	
C.	:				(i) 3 - 150 gal. American external belly tanks. (ii) NIL	
D.	:				(i) 26:45 (ii) NIL	
E.	:				(i) 24,800 rounds 50 cal. (ii) 12859 (iii) NIL (i) 16 - 5" AR Rockets (ii) 14 (iii) NIL 2 - returned to base	
F.	:				(i) 93 - 500# GF bombs (AN M109-1/10 nose, AN M101A2-1/40 tail) (ii) 85 (iii) NIL (iv) NIL 3 - returned to base - (5 by abortive A/C).	

- 2 -

SECRET

J 2 4 3

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

Opreg A No. 302 contd.

SECRET

G. : NIL

H. : NIL

I. : 1. 78-0-38
 2. 6-2-4
 10. 4-

BT

For the Commanding Officer:

Maurice D. Powell
 MAURICE D. POWELL
 Captain, Air Corps.
 Ass't. Adjutant.

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

I-P-1

AFG 595, US Army.
1 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Cprep A Report. USAAF Form 38A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical
Control Unit.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical
Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : Cprep A No. 303 for 24 hours ending sunset 20 December 1944.
Field Order No. 150, Amendment No. 1, Para. F, Mission 251-L,
XIX Tactical Air Command.

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

For the Commanding Officer:

Patrick D. Powell
PATRICK D. POWELL
Captain, Air Corps,
Asst. Adjutant.

JRP

HP

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

SECRET

HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

I-4-1

AFO 595, US Army,
3 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report, USAF Form 94A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical
Control Unit.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical
Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : SECRET

Oprep A No. 304 for 24 hours ending sunset 29 December 1944.
Field Order No. 151, Para. F, Mission W51-47, XIX Tactical
Air Command.A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched 12 F4Us of the 395th
Fighter Squadron on one squadron mission, 29 December 1944, to
attack by strafing, cylindrical cone shaped objects located in
fields and town over 3 miles radius. Objects are approximately
22-11 feet in diameter and located at E-7672, 7873 and E-8269.
Squadron took off and landed at A-53. The data on this operation
is as follows:

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time o/T
1	395	12	1018	1220	Sqd. strafed and destroyed two motorcycles, 2 sport cars, 2 staff cars, 16 VW's and 2 armored cars in area of E-8269. All vehicles were left burning. Sqd. then strafed many cylindrical shaped haystacks at E-7572, E-7776 and E-8269. No fires or results were observed. Sqd. then strafed gun emplacement at E-7972 which appeared to be empty. An observation tower was also strafed at E-9378. No claims.	1040

A. : No abortive A/C or E/A were encountered on the mission. One A/C was damaged by flak. The flak at St Vith was heavy and light, weak and moderate, and inaccurate. The weather was CATV over target.

B. : (1) 12 F4Us (To strafe cylindrical cone shaped objects at E-7672, 7873 and 8269)

(ii) 12
(iii) NIL
(iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) NIL
(vii) 1 - Damaged by flak, Cat. A.
(viii) 12

- 1 -
SECRET

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

Group & No. 304 d 1

SECRET

- C. : (i) 2 - 150 gal. American external belly tanks.
(ii) NIL
- D. : (i) 25:30
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 25:10 rounds 50 cal.
(ii) 25:20
(iii) NIL
- F. : NIL
- G. : NIL
- H. : NIL
- I. : 1. 22-0-0
2. 2-0-0

Para. G, Mission W51-5, XII Tactical Air Command.

- A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 24 F4Us (20 D/Bombers and 4 escorts each carrying 4-5" AR Rockets) on a total of two squadron missions, 29 December 1944, to conduct armed reconnaissance in the Kaiserlautern-Gings and Coerbinen areas. 20 D/Bombers each carried 2-500 lb bombs. The squadrons took off and landed at A-4. The data on these two missions is as follows:

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
2	396	12	0855	1135	Two A/C aborted. One due to spark 1015 plug and carburetor trouble and one as escort to abortive A/C. 10 A/C attacked M/T thought to be at Ellsburg 2-4202 and released 19-500 lb bombs in M/T and on tracks. M/A tracks were cut in 3 places and road signs were observed in M/T. 2 M/T were destroyed by strafing. Sqd. then flew recon throughout Kaiserlautern area with bombing observed largely due to overcast.	
3	397	12	0932	1200	3 A/C released 16-500 lb GF bombs 1025 on about 10 cars in M/T at L-4051912 Labach. Sqd. bombed thru hole in clouds - ITC. Cloud coverage prevented accurate observation of bombing and also prevented recon observations.	

- A. : The flak at L-4091 was heavy, weak and very accurate. No damaged or S/A were encountered on the two missions. The weather was 0 to 10/10 from 1500 to 3000 feet with some ground haze. In some areas clouds coverage was complete except for holes appearing here and there.

Annex No. 2, Para. K, Mission W51-6, XII Tactical Air Command.

- A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 34 F4Us (30 D/Bombers and 4 escorts each carrying 4-5" AR Rockets) on a total of three squadron missions, 29 December 1944, to conduct armed recon:

- 2 -

SECRET

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

Opreg A No. 904 Oct. 1.

SECRET

A. : Frankfurt-Joblenitz; Houffall-Wenweiler; and Frier. 30 D/Bombers each carried 2x5000 CF bombs. The squadrons took off and landed at A-38. The data on these missions is as follows:

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
4	396	12	1305	1543	5 A/C released 16 bombs on troop train of 2 locomotives and 40-50 cars at E-3695 with excellent results. 20 cars were dest. and 20 damaged. Sqd. also strafed train with one loco exploding and 2nd loco was damaged. 4 A/C released 8 bombs on 2 trains of 20 cars each in A/T at E-3295. Bombing results were excellent - 20 cars were destroyed, a building (possibly a ammunition dump) blew up and the tracks were out.	1430
5	395	12	1402	1616	The flight of 4 A/C released 8 bombs on M/Ts and halftracks at E-3478 - good results with 10 M/Ts and halftracks dest. and 10 damaged. Another flight of 4 A/C released 7 bombs on supply dump at E-0762, destroying 3 M/Ts and hitting direct the supply dump. No fire or explosions were observed. 3 A/C released 6 bombs on gun position in town of Schleid at E-0764. 1 A/C released 2 bombs on gun position in town of Ebling E-3961. 200 on both towns. 5 light gun positions were strafed and dest. at E-0764. 1000. 1000s were also dest. at E-3478 by strafing.	1440
6	397	10	1421	1609	6 A/C released 12-5000 CF bombs on bligs. and cylindrical objects at E-7771. Four bligs were dest. and many cylindrical objects were hit. 3 M/Ts were damaged by rockets. Supply pile covered with cordwood was strafed and set fire. 6 M/Ts and 1 tank were destroyed and 6 M/Ts damaged by strafing and 4 rockets. All the strafing and rockets fired was in the area of E-7771. Rockets were fired in vicinity of E-7375-240.	1520

A. : 4 A/C were damaged by flak. The flak at E-0562 and 1066 was light, very intense and very accurate; at E-3762 it was light, intense and accurate; the flak in area of E-7036 was heavy and light, intense and accurate. No abortive A/C or B/A were encountered on the mission. Three or four barges were seen on the Rhine, north of Bingen. The weather was OAVU over target.

B. : (i) 58 F4U's (8 - Escorts each carrying 4-5" AR rockets)
(50 - D/Bombers - Armed Recceas over designated Areas)
(ii) 36 - (8 - Escorts)
(48 - D/Bombers - Attack targets and completed missions)
(iii) 2 - D/Bombers - (c) 1-Spark plugs and carburetor caused engine to function improperly.
(d) 1-Escort to abortive A/C.
(iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) NIL
(vii) 5 - 1-Damaged by flak, Oct. 1.
(viii) 56 - 1-Damaged by flak, Oct. 10.

- 3 -
SECRET

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

Oprep A No. 3 04 cont.

SECRET

- C. : (i) 10 - 150 gal. American external belly tanks.
(ii) 3
- D. : (i) 147:45
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 122960 rounds 50 cal.
(ii) 14087
(iii) NIL
(i) 32 - 5" AR Rockets
(ii) 14
(iii) NIL
18 Rockets returned to base.
- F. : (i) 100 - 500# GP bombs (AN M103-1/10 nose, AN M101A2-1/40 tail)
(ii) 94
(iii) 2
(iv) NIL
4-500# GP bombs returned to base.
- G. : NIL
- H. : NIL
- I. : 1. 19-0-13
2. 6-0-5
3. 1-0-1
4. 40-0-20
5. 5-0-0
6. 0-0-2
7. 0-0-6
8. 1-0-0
9. 1-0-0
10. 3.

23,973
500 GP
100-94-2-4 23.50
RF 32-14-0-18

For the Commanding Officer:

M. D. Powell
MAURICE D POWELL
Captain, Air Corps,
Ass't. Adjutant.

- 4 -
SECRET

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

SECRET

HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

Y-3-1

APO 305, US Army.
4 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 24th Statistical
Control Unit.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical
Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : SECRET

Oprep A No. 305 for 24 hours ending sunset (30 December 1945).
Field Order No. 152, Para. H, Mission W51-5, XIX Tactical
Air Command.A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 68 F4Us (60-
D/Bombers and 8 Escorts (7 of which each carried 4x5" AR Rockets)
on a total of six squadron missions, 30 December 1944 to conduct
ground recon by squadrons over Trier, Goerns, Koolents Areas.
60 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs. Squadrons took off and landed
at A-38. The data on these operations is as follows:

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time C/T
1	395	12	0847	1032	2 A/C released 4-500# GP bombs on 2 armored vehicles (dest.) at L-2307. 3 A/C released 6-500# GP bombs on 5 M/Ts (dest.) at L-252638. 5 A/C released 10 bombs on train of 25 cars at L-190638. Three direct hits were observed on train. 20 cars were destroyed. 1 A/C released 2 bombs on 4 M/Ts (dest.) at L-090530. 1 A/C released 2 bombs on 2 M/Ts (dest.) at L-2670. Sqd. then strafed and dest. 39 M/Ts in area of L-2780. A train of 30 cars was also strafed at L-1967. 3 cars were seen to blow up and 27 cars were damaged.	0935
2	396	12	0915	1155	2 A/C aborted - one due to radio (personnel failure) and one on its escort. 2 A/C returned 4 bombs to base. 10 A/C released 20-500# GP bombs on 1/2 at Cochen at L-2972. Bombing results were excellent. 2 locomotives and 13 goods wagons were dest. and 12 goods wagons damaged. Three hits were observed on a found house and 2 on a warehouse (dest.).	1040

- 1 -

SECRET

J 2 5 0

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

Oprep A No. 305 cont.

SECRET

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
2	396	12			Tracks were cut in 5 places. The M/T and town were strafed with 2 locomotives dest. and some buildings set on fire.	
3	397	10	0950	1210	Sqd. contacted Ripway who directed 1100 Sgd. to Rier area. 6 A/C released 12-2000 lb bombs on a 20 car train in NW of Schweich L-267375. M/T was cut and 2 cars were dest. Two round houses and 2 warehouses were hit. 3 A/C released 12-1/2" AR Rockets on following targets: 1 M/T Dest at L-267382, 2 A/C on RR dest. at L-267385, 1 box car dest. at L-2931, 1 car dest. and rails cut at Metzrach L-3042. Sgd. then strafed train of 20 flat cars at L-267375, claiming 20 cars damaged. By strafing, 1 M/T was dest. at L-31000, 1 M/T and 1 coal wagon dest. at L-326997, 3 M/T and 2 personnel were dest. at L-3135, 1 M/T and 1 auto dest. at L-271346, 1 locomotive dest. at L-270946.	
4	395	10	1235	1444	Recco area was covered by overcast. 1400 Sgd. then bombed thru hole in clouds. 1 A/C released 2-500 lb GP bombs, cutting RR at L-425025. 7 A/C released 14 500 lb GP bombs in M/T area at L-425035. MTC, 1 A/C released 2 bombs on road at L-447052, cutting road. Another A/C released 2 bombs on train of 15 to 20 cars at L-42694, cutting track and damaging 4 cars.	
5	396	12	1302	1531	12 A/C released 24 bombs on 6 vehicles on RR at L-267340. Very good results obtained. 3 M/Ts were dest. 5-F fires 1445 started in woods nearby. 1 tank and 1 half track was also dest. 1 M/T was strafed and dest. at L-9854.	
6	397	12	1330	1611	At request of Bluejacket, 8 A/C released 16-500 lb GP bombs on enemy concentration in woods at south side of Wiltz L-7153. MTC. Bluejacket said "Good Job". Sgd. also strafed wooded area west of Wiltz at request of Bluejacket - MTC. 11 rockets were fired at Wiltz L-738512. 1 tank was dest. and 1 damaged in this area. The town was also strafed. 4 buildings were also set on fire and 1 building exploded. 3 M/Ts dest. (including 1 oil truck) and 2 M/T damaged in this area in vicinity of L-738512.	1355

A. : 2 A/C were damaged by flak. No enemy A/C were encountered on any of the missions. Heavy gun positions were observed at L-219267. 1-2 tanks were seen at R/T and along roads NW of Harlange L-6050. Trench work was also observed along the roads. The flak at L-1060 was heavy, moderate and fairly accurate; at L-1560 it was light, intense and accurate; at L-1036 it was heavy, moderate and accurate; at L-5753 it was light, intense and accurate. The weather was generally 10/10 strato cirrus - base at 4000 feet in layers with tops at 11000 feet. Visibility was good.

- 2 -

SECRET

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

Oprep & No. 985 con.

SECRET

- B. : (1) 68 F47Ds (8 - Escorts (7 carrying 4-5" AR Rockets)
(60- D/Bombers - Armed Recce over designated Area)
(11) 66 - (8 - Escorts)
(58- D/Bombers - Attached targets - Completed missions)
(111) 2 - D/Bombers (1) 1-Radio transmitter failed because radio
was not properly inspected by mechanic.
(2) 1-Escort to above abortive A/C.

(iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) NIL
(vii) 2 - Damaged by flak, Cat. A.
(viii) 66
- C. : (1) 11 - 150 gal. American external belly tanks.
(11) NIL
- D. : (1) 171:00
(11) NIL
- E. : (1) 144160 rounds 50 cal.
(11) 21478
(111) NIL
(1) 28 - 5" AR Rockets
(11) 23
(111) NIL
5 - Rockets returned to base.
- F. : (1) 120 - 500g GP bombs (AN M83-1/10 case, M12012-1/40 tail)
(11) 116
(111) NIL
(iv) NIL
4-500g GP bombs returned to base by 2 abortive A/C.
- G. : NIL
- H. : NIL
- I. : 1. 66-1-0
2. 66-1-1
3. 66-1-0
4. 66-1-03
5. 66-1-0
6. 66-1-0
7. 66-1-0
8. 66-1-0
9. 66-1-0
10. 66-1-0
11. 66-1-0
12. 4-
13. Personnel 2-0-0

PPR RP.
28-27-0-5
296
SP 120-116-0-4
uH

For the Commanding Officer:

Maurice D. Howell
MAURICE D. HOWELL
Captain, Air Corps.
Asst. Adjutant.

- 3 -
SECRET

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

SECRET

HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUPAFG 505, US ARMY
5 January 1945

SUBJECT: Corp A Report. USAAF Form 344.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 24th Statistical
Control Unit.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical
Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : SECRET

Corp A No. 306 for 24 hours ending sunset 31 December 1944.
Field Order No. 53, Para. C, Mission WJ1-4, XIX Tactical
Air Command.

- A. The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 36 M47Ds (D/Bombers) on a total of three squadron missions of 12 A/C each, 31 December 1944 to conduct armed probes by squadrons over the Saar, Moselle and Rhine areas. 36 A/C each carried 2500 lbs of bombs. Squadrons took off and landed at A-68. The data on these operations is as follows:

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time G/T
✓ 1	397	12	1246	1326	Sqd. contacted Ripasaw #3 who directed and to target. 8 A/C released 16 bombs in town of Hilsich. One road was observed to be cut and 2 bridges destroyed. Results of rest of this not observed. 8 A/C released 8 bombs SE of town at 1300, cutting 1/2 track in front of tunnel. 2400 lbs. strafed M/Ts in vicinity of Hilsich, destroying 1 tank, 20 M/Ts, 1 anti-tank gun and damaging 25 M/Ts and 5 anti-tank guns. Troops were observed pouring out of the M/Ts.	1340
✓ 2	395	12	1315	1551	12 A/C released 23-5000 lb bombs 1420 on 50 M/Ts in woods and road at L-3846 south of Wittlich. Bombing results very good. 25 M/Ts were destroyed and road cut in 6 places. One bomb hung up and was returned to base. Sqd. then strafed M/Ts in vicinity of L-3846, destroying 14 M/Ts, 1 gasoline truck and 2 staff cars. Sqd. worked with Ripasaw #3.	

- 1 -

SECRET

J 2 5 3

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

Opreg A Report No. 306 contd.

SECRET

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time
3	396	12	1345	1620	8 A/C released 16 bombs on 15 - 20 tanks east edge of woods at 4-3800, claiming 8 tanks dest. 2 big fires were left burning. 4 A/C released 8 bombs on RR at L-4547, cutting rails in 1 place. Bombing results were very good. The town at L-304 and town at L-3046 was strafed and also the road between the town, with 10 M/Ts and 1 trailer dest.	1505

A. : No abortive or E/A were encountered. 4 A/C were damaged by flak. Heavy road traffic was observed SW of Huihai. It was observed that the enemy was using road blocks which looked like old trolley cars. The flak NE and south of Prier was heavy, moderate and inaccurate; at Traben. L-5050 it was light, intense and accurate. The weather was variable, generally 2/10 to 10/10 from 1000 to 9000 feet and later going to tops of 12000 feet.

B. : (i) 36 B-7Ds (D/Bombers - Armed Recces over designated areas)
 (ii) 36 (D/Bombers - attacked targets - Completed missions)
 (iii) NIL
 (iv) NIL
 (v) NIL
 (vi) NIL
 (vii) 4 - 2-Damaged by flak, Cat. A.
 1-Damaged by hitting trees, Cat. AC.
 1-Damaged by small arms, Cat. A.
 (viii) 36

C. : (i) 6 - 150 gal American external belly tanks.
 (ii) NIL

D. : (i) 2:30
 (ii) NIL

E. : (i) 76920 rounds 50 cal. w
 (ii) 29836
 (iii) NIL

F. : (i) 72 - 500# GP bombs (AN M10)-1/10 nose, AN M1012-1/10 tail)
 (ii) 71
 (iii) NIL
 (iv) NIL
 1-500# GP bomb returned to base after hang-up.

G. : NIL

H. : NIL

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

Opreg A No. 306 cont.

SECRET

- I. :
1. 80-0-25
 2. 9-0-0
 6. 1-0-0
 9. 2-0-0
 10. 7-0-0
 11. 2-0-0

For the Commanding Officer:

Maurice D. Powell
MAURICE D. POWELL
Captain, Air Corps,
Asst. Adjutant.

- 3 -

SECRET

J 2 5 5