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OFFFLASH

GP 44-2412  
31 Dec 1944  
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Opflash No. 1 Site 68 Date 31 Dec Given To: Magnolia

A. O.C.# W 51-4 Hour 1645

Target A/R mi. Trics

B. Group No. 368-897 No. A/C Dispatched 12

No. Abortives \_\_\_\_\_

C. T/U 1246 T.O.T. 1325-1340-1400 T/n 1526

D. Our A/C Casualties \_\_\_\_\_

Enemy A/C Destroyed \_\_\_\_\_ Probable \_\_\_\_\_ Damaged \_\_\_\_\_

Personnel Killed \_\_\_\_\_ Wounded \_\_\_\_\_ Missing \_\_\_\_\_

E. Results-

Rombs Loaded and Fusing 24 x 500 GP 1/2 A/C Escort

Rombs in Target Area 24 Jettis ned \_\_\_\_\_ Returned \_\_\_\_\_

*Report to Report 3 - ~~exc.~~ control*  
*To bomb town Bleialf - P9682 - in rd leading to NW part of town*  
*To in town - 1 cut in road*  
*2 Hdgdes*  
*8 - SE of town - P975831 - cut RR tracks in part of tunnel*  
*Stopping - fld #5 - W SE rd of Bleialf - P9682*

F. Enemy Aircraft \_\_\_\_\_

FIAC: \_\_\_\_\_

*Small arms fire in area*

G. VITAL INFORMATION:

*Heavy rd traffic SW of Bleialf - moving generally SW - (30 trucks, many guns, tanks, etc.)*  
*10 trucks in town (no got out of them)*  
*2 trucks in town (no got out of them)*  
*Small - 1000 ft*

H. WEATHER: 9100 ft - 3000 ft - 9000 ft

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

597th Ftr Sqdn B-2 Rpt on a Armed Recce and Dive bombing Mission -- Sqdn Mission No 528 --  
31 Dec 44

- A. Opns O No. \_\_\_\_\_, W51-4 -- Mission No. for day ONE -- 31 Dec 44 --  
Mission was to have been armed recce in the area of Trier, Prun, and Wittelich.
- B. 368th Ftr Group -- 597th Ftr Sqdn -- 12 A/C Disp -- No Aborts.
- C. UP: 1246 -- Crossed b/line on way in at 1325 -- TOT: 1540 -- Crossed b/line on way out at 1400 -- DOWN: 1526.
- D. KILL # Two of our A/C damaged -- one Cat "A" one Cat "AG".
- E. 12 x 2 x 500lb Gp bombs -- 1/10 nose 1/40 tail. -- 24 bombs in tgt area --  
Sqdn contacted Ripsaw and was relayed to Ripsaw three who directed them to town of Bleialf, at P-9682. 16 bombs were dropped on road out of northern side of town. Road was cut in one place and two small buildings were destroyed. Other results NAO. 8 bombs were dropped on an underpass at P-995825 southwest of Bleialf. Then the sqdn strafed convoys on the roads north southwest and southeast of town of Bleialf. Major Leary destroyed 8 MT and damaged 15 and damaged 5 light artill guns. Lt Hutcherson destroyed 4 MT, one tank, and one staff car and damaged 5 MT. Lt Helliesen destroyed 2 MT and damaged 1. Lt Hutcherson also damaged two light guns. Lt's Bender and Hucks destroyed 6 MT and 1 light artill gun. Lt Baker destroyed one gasoline carrying half track. Lt R D Sharp destroyed one MT. Lt's Potter and Wright destroyed 5 MT and damaged 2.
- F. Light arms fire in tgt area.
- G. Hwy road traffic headed southwest from Bleialf consisting of prime movers towing light guns, one tank and armed half tracks (About 50 all together) Small groups of motor vehicles in the town and surrounding area.
- H. Wea: 9/10 total cover in scattered layers of strato-cumulus base 500 top 9,000'.  
visibility variable averaging two miles.
- I. Sqdn code not used.
- J. Ripsaw three superior.

BOMBS:	LEARY	HUTCHERSON	FRISBE	DIERRHART
	BENDER	HUCKS	BAKER	KONIGNY
	POTTER	WRIGHT	HELLIEN	R D SHARP

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

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OPFLASH

Opflash No. 2 Site 68 Date 31 Dec Given To: 28 items

A. O.C.# W 51-4 Hour 1735

Target A/R via Cocheco

B. Group No. 32nd-395th No. A/C Dispatched 12

No. Abortives Nil

C. T/U 1315 T.O.T. 1354-1420-1500/17 1556

D. Our A/C Casualties Nil

Enemy A/C Destroyed \_\_\_\_\_ Probable \_\_\_\_\_ Damaged \_\_\_\_\_

Personnel Killed \_\_\_\_\_ Wounded \_\_\_\_\_ Missing \_\_\_\_\_

E. Results-

Bombs Loaded and Dusing 282 x 500 G.P. 1/2 1/2 A/C Escort

Bombs in Target Area 23 Jettisoned \_\_\_\_\_ Returned 1 - Hung up

*Handed 50 M/T's - 24  
Claim 25 M/T's dest. by bombing L 3846 S. of Waltham  
Cut in road via Cocheco  
Staffing 14 M/T's dest. ->  
1 gasoline truck } via L 3846  
2 Staff cars }*

F. Enemy Aircraft Nil

FIAC: N.E. part of train station by highway, road, in area.

G. VITAL INFORMATION:

- ① Worked with Ripsaw 3. Controller shallent
- ② Roadblock look like old trolley cars
- ③ L 4049 appeared <sup>as</sup> German camp <sup>no</sup> <sup>summit</sup>  
*as many trucks like 4400 etc.  
under snow cover  
at top - 15+ miles*

H. WEATHER: 1400 11000 B 2500 Targets 9/10 F 11000 B 2500

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## MISSION REPORT

CPSFLASH # 1, December 31, 1944

- A. OO W 51-4  
Armed Reccy Wittlach, Blankenheim, Cochem.  
Major Sparks leading.
- B. 388th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron  
Nil aborts
- C. TU 1315 LFI 1354 TOT 1420 LFO 1510 LFO 1551
- E. 12 x 2 x 500 GP 1/10 - 1/40  
One bomb hung up and brought back to base.  
By BOMBING: In and about L 3846 our Squadron located about 50 plus M/T's and since Major Sparks called in Serzum Squadron, we are only making claims for 25 destroyed. In this area at least 18 bombs hit the woods and road doing considerable damage to the road and the M/T's.
- BY STRAPING: 14 M/T's and one Gas Truck and 2 Staff Cars destroyed.
- FINAL TALLY: 49 M/T's destroyed, 2 staff cars, one Gas truck, and the road torn up in at least 6 different places.
- F. 1) Nil  
2) Trier, 8 to 12 heavy guns are located at the North Eastern portion of the town.  
\* Heavy, moderate, inaccurate.
- G. This was an extremely successful mission from the Standpoint of enemy M/T's destroyed.
- The controller was RIPSAN #3 and our C.O. was well pleased with his efforts.
- One pilot reports that the road-blocks used appeared to be old trolley cars without the cables attached.
- At L3941 one of our pilots reports there appears to be a German camp of some sort for the number of barracks and army-like quarters in this area. This tgt was ignored to concentrate on the first one.
- H. 10/10 11,000 tops, 2500 bottoms; Over tgt - 9/10 (same tops and bottoms, vicinity above 15 miles, below snowstorms and other unfavorable conditions.

THEODORE F SKALKO,  
1st Lt., Air Corps.  
Intelligence Officer.

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Opflash No. 3 Site 68 Date 1 Dec Given To: W. H. Lewis  
 A. O.C.# W51-4 Hour 1730  
 Target A/R via Koblenz  
 B. Group No. 368, 396 No. A/C Dispatched 12  
 No. Abortives \_\_\_\_\_  
 C. T/U 1345 T.O.T. 1505 - 1530 T/n 1620  
 D. Our A/C Casualties 2 - Cab H - down - flak  
 Enemy A/C Destroyed \_\_\_\_\_ Probable \_\_\_\_\_ Damaged \_\_\_\_\_  
 Personnel Killed \_\_\_\_\_ Wounded \_\_\_\_\_ Missing \_\_\_\_\_  
 E. Results-  
 Bombs Loaded and Fusing 24 as per OP No. 14 A/C Escort \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bombs in Target Area \_\_\_\_\_ Jettisoned \_\_\_\_\_ Returned \_\_\_\_\_

16 - on 15 to 20 tanks Edge of woods at  
 L3846 - claim 8 dies - (2 by jets left)  
 8 - on RR - L4547 - 1 cut claimed

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F. Enemy Aircraft \_\_\_\_\_  
 FI AK: Traben - L5650 - 10 Quid Acc

G. VITAL INFORMATION:

2 cuts on double track RR at L5545 -  
 Between 10335 Bunadon woods at L4652  
L3646 & L3846 Storage dump in woods at ~~L4754~~ 55  
S of rd in woods 20 M T's pulled up in woods - ~~L4755~~  
along rd (1 target)

H. WEATHER: 1000 ft base - top 8 12000

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- A. Mission No. W51-4 Date: 31 December 1944
- B. 396th Fighter Squadron dispatched 12 P-47's led by Maj. Crisp.
- C. Take-off at 1345, entered E/T at 1410, TOT at 1505, Left E/T at 1530  
Landed at 1620.
- D. 2 P-47's are damaged by flak Cat. A.
- E. 12 x 2 x 500 lb GP bombs (1/10 x 1/40 fusing) were loaded  
16 x 500 lb GP bombs on target at L-3846. (15-20 tanks)  
8 x 500 lb GP bombs on Railroad at L-4847. -  
Bombing results were believed to be very good. Hits were observed  
in edge of woods where tanks were parked.  
Town was strafed and left burning at L-4447  
1 trailer was strafed, and destroyed.  
8 tanks and 10 trucks were destroyed. The tanks by bombing and  
trucks by strafing.
- F. Light intense accurate flak at Traben L-5650.
- G. 2 cuts in double track railroad near L-5545. Barracks at L-4652  
in woods. Storage dump in woods L-415475. 20 M/Ts in woods at  
L-4145.
- H. 10/10ths strato cumulus clouds. Visibility snowstorm.  
Bottom at 10,000 feet. Top at 12,000 feet.

Franklin A. Dick  
per *Wm B. Hale*  
FRANKLIN A. DICK,  
Capt., Air Corps,  
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JFX JHR JPS JJI JHP V IYR IUE ITT NR 609 OP OP

FROM: HQ IX TAC, MAIN 3012///, 312040A  
 TO :  
 HQ IX TAC REAR  
 HQ NINTH AF, MAIN  
 HQ 2ND TAF  
 HQ XIX TAC (T ALL WINGS & GPS)  
 HQ XXIX TAC (T ALL WINGS & GPS)  
 HQ 64TH AIRDROME SQDN, & 352, 366, 370, & 474 GROUP, & 422 NFS.  
 HQ 67TH TAC/R GROUPS ATTN: MAJOR WETZEL  
 M.E.W.

QQY BT  
 SECRET.

OPSUM 206 FOR PERO// PERIOD FROM 1600 HOURS TO SUNSET, 31 DECEMBER  
 1944- PART IV.

WEATHER RECEE, 474 GROUP, 430 SQN, 2 P-388. 1430, 1450-1550, 1610.  
 LOADED 2X165 GAL FIRE BOMBS, & 2X1000 GP 8-11 SEC. 4 IN T/G AREA.  
 DROPPED ALL BOMBS ON LA ROCHE. P-4678, NRO BUT FIRES WERE STARTED IN  
 A ROW OF HOUSES ALONG RIVER.

Y21-1, A/R IN BATTLE AREA. 366 GROUP, 391 SQN, 8 P-478. 1359, 1420  
 -1520, 1541 1 A/C LOST, FLAK, LOADED 16X500 GP 1/10-1/40. 8 IN  
 T/G AREA. 2 DROPPED SAFE AT P-9388. 4 JETT. SAFE AT APPROX. P-7573.  
 CONTACTED SWEEP-STAKES WHO SENT THEM TO STAVELOT, WERE THEN TOLD T O  
 FLY DUE EAST FOR FOUR MINUTES AT 200 MPH. WERE THEN TOLD TO DROP  
 BOMBS ON A TOWN. TOWN NOT IDENTIFIED DUE TO OVERCAST.  
 AT P-9388, 1 PILOT DROPPED THROUGH OVERCAST TO LOOK AROUND & CAME OUT  
 OVER A V// CONVOY OF 300 PLUS ENEMY VEHICLES, STRAFED, DESTROYING  
 15 M/Ts.

Y21-1. A/R IN BATTLE AREA. 366 GROUP, 389 SQN, 8 P-478. 1349,  
 1415-1530, 1558. 1 A/C DAM, CAT AC, FLAK. LOADED 16X500 GP 8-11  
 SEC. ALL IN TARGET AREA. CONTACTED MARMITE WHO HAD NO T/GS DUE  
 TO OVERCAST. RELEASED TO FIND HOLES AND HIT T/GS OF OPPORTUNITY.  
 AT APPROX. L-1655 75 PLUS RR CARS OF ALL KINDS IN M/Y, NO LOCO,  
 ALL STATIONARY, 8 BOMBS DROPPED THERE, NRO. P-388 ALSO WERE  
 ATTACKING SM// SAME M/Y, AT APPROX. P-9777 DEST 2 M/Ts AND 1  
 TIGER TANK DEST IN ST. VITH AREA.

Y21-1. A/R IN BATTLE AREA. 366 GROUP, 390 SQN, 14 P-478 1415,  
 1430-1540, 1633. LOADED 12X500 GP 1/10-1/40. ALL IN T/G AREA.  
 MARMITE CONTROL, IN THE AREA AUV, L-0090. CLAIM: MED. TANKS,  
 4-0-1, M/T, 18-0-1, ARTY PIECES, 0-0-1, HALF-TRACKS, 2-0-0,  
 STAFF CARS, 2-0-0: GUN CARRIAGE, 1-0-0, JEEPS, 1-0-0, U/I VEH.  
 9-0-0.

Y21-1 A/R IN BATTLE AREA. 366 GROUP, 389 & 391 SQN, S. 6 P-478  
 1500, 1530-1620, 1700. LOADED 12X500 GP 1/10-1/40. ALL IN T/G  
 AREA. CONTACTED SWEEPSTAKES, RELEASED FOR T/GS OF OPPORTUNITY.  
 BOMBED TOWN AT L-2230 OR L1838 (EXACT LOCATION NOT CERTAIN.  
 POSSIBLY TRIER). FIRES ALTHOUGH

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LOADED 2100 GAL FIRE BOMBS.  
DROPPED ALL BOMBS ON LA ROCHE. P-4676, NRO BUT FIRES WERE STARTED IN  
A ROW OF HOUSES ALONG RIVER.

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ATTACKING SH// SAME M/Y, AT APPROX. P-9777 DEST 2 M/TS AND 1  
TIGER TANK DEST IN ST. WITH AREA.

Y21-1. A/R IN BATTLE AREA. 366 GROUP, 390 SQN, 14 P-476 1415,  
1430-1540, 1633. LOADED 728X500 GP 1/10-1/40, ALL IN T/G AREA.  
MARMITE CONTROL, IN THE AREA A/W, L-0090. CLAIM: MED. TANKS,  
4-0-1, M/T, 18-0-1, ARTY PIECES, 0-0-1, HALF-TRACKS, 2-0-0,  
STAFF CARS, 2-0-0; GUN CARRIAGE, 1-0-0, JEEPS, 1-0-0, U/T VEH.  
9-0-0.

Y21-1 A/R IN BATTLE AREA. 366 GROUP, 389 & 391 SQN, S. 6 P-476  
1500, 1530-1620, 1700. LOADED 12X500 GP 1/10-1/40. ALL IN T/G  
AREA. CONTACTED SWEEPSTAKES, RELEASED FOR T/GS OF OPPORTUNITY.  
BOMBED TOWN AT L-2230 OR L1830 (EXACT LOCATION NOT CERTAIN,  
POSSIBLY TRIER). FIRES ALREADY BURNING IN TOWN, DIRECT HIT ON  
LARGE BLDG. BLEW UP WITH TREMENDOUS EXPLOSION, PROB. AMMO DUMP,  
DEST 1 AA POSITION ON WEST EDGE OF TOWN.

Y21-5. PATROL AREA F-1978 TO F-6702. 352 GROUP, 486 SQN, 16 P-515  
2 ABORTS, 1 MECH 1 ESCORT, 1345, 1350-1630, 1646. 1 A/C NYR.  
UNEVENTFUL.

Y21-5, PATROL AREA F-1948 TO F-6702. 352 GROUP, 487 SQN.  
16 P-515. 1 ABORT, MECH. 1410, 1415-1645, 1705. UNVENTFUL.

Y21-2. CLOSE SUPPORT & ARMED RECCE IN THE LA ROCHE, MALMEDY,  
PRUM AREA, 370 GROUP, 401 SQN, 13 P-388. 1530, 1645, 1720,  
LOADED 26X500 GP INST. 19 IN T/G AREA. 2 RET. 13 HITS ON  
M/Y AT R// TRIR, L-2030, RAILS CUT IN 7 PLACES, 6 GOODS WAGONS.  
DEST. 6 HITS ON TANKS IN WOODS, L-148430, NRO. MARMITE VECTORED  
SQN. TO TRIER.

67TH TACXR GROUP.

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- A. 5 MISSIONS.
- B. 5 SORTIES, ALL P/R SORTIES, 2 SUCCESSFUL, 3 UNSUCCESSFUL DUE  
TO WEATHER.
- C. 1120-1540
- D. NIL.
- E. NIL.

AT F-3776 AT 1115 HOURS 8 FW 1908 FLYING WEST AT 10,000 FEET JM  
EUSKIRCHEN AT 1155 HORS 6 ME 1098 FLYING SOUTH AT 20,000 FEET.  
EAST OF DINANT AT 1200 HOURS 1 ME 109. S- 6'S CHASED HIM  
NORTH TO MEUS RIVER. E/A THEN TURNED EAST AND HEADED HOME.

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AS FOR CHK

WPR BBB  
JFX R ..312315A DG KK  
JPS R..MJJI R...31/2330A CJM KKK

JPX - IYR - JEM - V IUE NR 10 OP OP  
 JPX -T- SELF AND GPS (JEM-T- F.D.P. ,9. XX NO. 1)  
 IYR -T- SELF AND GPS & IYOX  
 JEM -T- F.D.P. NO. 4 & 5

FROM: HQ. XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND (MAIN) 30/// 310045A  
 TO: CG. THIRD US ARMY.  
 CG. III CORPS (ATTN: G-3 AIR)  
 CG. VIII CORPS (ATTN: G-3 AIR)  
 CG. XII CORPS (ATTN: G-3 AIR)  
 CG. XX CORPS (ATTN: G-3 AIR)  
 CG. 100TH FIGHTER WING.  
 CO.'S. 354, 361, 465, 367, 368, 405, AND 406, 362 FIGHTER GROUPS.  
 CO. FIGHTER CONTROL CENTER.  
 CO.'S. F.D.P.'S, NO. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 AND 7

INFORMATION COPIES TO:  
 CG. THIRD US ARMY, TAC (ATTN: LT. COL. MURRAY)  
 CG. 64TH FIGHTER WING, CONTROL CENTER NO. 2  
 CG. XII TAC.  
 CG. NINTH AIR FORCE, ADV.  
 CG. IX TAC (BY COURIER)  
 CG. XIX TAC (REAR) (ATTN: COL. THOMPSON)  
 CG. XXIX TAC (BY COURIER)  
 CG. "//// CO. 10TH PHOTO GROUP.  
 CO. 155TH NIGHT PHOTO SQDN;  
 CG. SPITFIRE -X-RAY (ATTN: COL. BROWNE)

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY.  
 SECRET SEND IN CLEAR BY TELETYPE AUTHORITY CAPT. CHAPMAN.

HQ. XIX TAC  
 310100A DECEMBER.

FIELD ORDER NO. 153

1. A. (1) 1ST ARMY; QUIET DAY REPORTED. LAST NIGHT EN WITHDREW FROM ROCHEFORT (P-2076) AND OUR TROOPS ARE NOW IN OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN. 6TH CAV GP: APRXXXX APPROXIMATELY 50 SS TROOPS ENCOUNTERED AT SMUID (P-2361) 301245A. WHEN OUR PATROLS PUSHED INTO THE TOWN EN FLED DIRECTION ST HUBERT (P-3161) IN US 1/4 TON TRUCK AND 3 US 1/2 TRACKS.  
 9TH ARMD DIV: RECEIVED 2 C/AS VIC CENOGNE (P-4856); ONE EARLY 30 DEC CONSISTING OF PLATOON IND 2/3 TANKS; ONE VIC SENONCHAMPS (P-5158); BOTH REPULSED.  
 4TH ARMD DIV: EN C/A E FLANK N OF LUTREBOIS (P-6553) 300500A CONSISTING OF ESTIMATED BN INF AND BN OF TANKS, CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD. THE TOWN WAS REPORTED TO BE HELD BY THE EN ZTXX AT THE CLOSE OF THE PERIOD. SITUATION REPORTED IN HAND. 4TH ARMD DIV CLAIMS 18 TANKS DESTROYED DURING PERIOD.  
 35TH DIV: C/A AGAINST 35 DIV FROM N AND E MAIN EFFORT VI LUTREMANGE (P-5654) CONSISTING OF 1 BN INF REINFORCED BY 2 CO OF 5TH PARA DIV PLUS 8 TANKS, REPULSED. MANY MORE TANKS REPORTED DURING THE DAY IN THE VIC. ARMD COLUMN CONSISTING OF 40 TRACKED VEHs WERE REPORTED MOVING S AND W FROM TARECHAMPS (P-6152) TO LUCKENANGE (P-5851) TURNING N AND CONTINUING TO LUTREBOIS 300900 TO 300930A. 26TH DIV: HVY EN RESISTANCE ON RIGHT FLANK (P-697514) BY ESTIMATED 2 BNS INF SUPPORTED BY HVY WEAPONS, INF, HOWITZERS AND AT GUNS.  
 XII CORPS: NO AGGRESSIVE ACTION REPORTED. TAC/R OBSERVED MUCH VEHICULAR AND TROOP ACTIVITY VIC NOCHER (P-7351) 300800A; WAS A FOG BANK.

(2) NO CHANGE.

VIII CORPS: 87TH INF DIV ASGD VIII CORPS AND ASSEMBLED  
 ----- SW OF RECOGNE (P-2949) 11TH ARMD DIV ASSEMB-  
 LED VIC P-3546.  
 4TH ARMD DIV ASGD VIII CORPS AND CONTINUED WIDENING BASTOGNE  
 FIGHTING IN BASTOGNE POCKET. CCR RELIEVED OF ATCHMT 4TH  
 ARMD DIV.  
 11/// 101ST A/B DIV REASKD VIII CORPS AND CONTINUED FIGHTING  
 IN BASTOGNE POCKET.

III CORPS: 6TH ARMD DIV ASGD III CORPS. CGA AND CCB ASS-  
 ----- EMBLED VIC P-5925. CCR ASSEMBLED VIC P-3923.  
 35TH INF DIV PIERCED SE CORNER BATXX BASTOGNE POCKET AND  
 MADE JUCTURE WITH 101ST A/B DIV; IN CONJUNCTION WITH ELMS  
 4TH ARMD DIV ADVANCED WITH XXXXX LINES TO P-5755 - P-5952;  
 AND FURTHER ADVANCED ON R TO P-6250 - P-6450.  
 26TH INF DIV (ATCHD: ELMS 26TH INF DIV) ADVANCED N TO LINE  
 P-6451 - P-7152.

XII CORPS: 80TH INF DIV; 318TH RCT (LESS ELMS) RELIEVED  
 ----- OF ATCHMT 4TH ARMD DIV AND ASSEMBLED VIC  
 P-8338.  
 5TH INF DIV RELIEVED 6TH ARMD DIV ON FRONT AND ADVANCED N  
 TO LINE OF SURE R FROM P-8540 TO L-0039.  
 4TH INF DIV RELIEVED ELMS 5TH INF DIV ON FRONT AND ADVANCED  
 N TO LINE OF SURE R FROM L-0039 TO ECHTERNACH (L-0636).

XX CORPS: NO CHANGE.  
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(2) IX B.C. ATTACKS TARGETS IN GERMANY; IX, XII AND XXIX TAC'S  
 OPERATE IN THE TACTICAL AREA.

2. THIS COMMAND ESCORTS IX B.C., SUPPORTS III, VIII, XII AND XX  
 CORPS AND CONDUCTS ARMED RECCES IN THE TACTICAL AREA.
3. A. MISSION CHN-1: 1 SQDN 354 GP LOADS ~~XXXXXXXX~~ 2X500 FUSED GLD  
 AND ~~FOR~~ SUPPORTS UNITS OF XX CORPS. CONTACT TURPENTINE VIC Q-1094  
 WHEN ~~KWIX~~ ENTERING AND LEAVING TARGET AREA. IF CONTROLLER HAS NO  
 BTARGETS SQDN WILL EXECUTE ARMED RECCE IN AREA: SAARBRUCKEN - LE-  
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~  
 BACH - TRIER - SAARBURG - MERZIG - SAARBRUCKEN. TOT SOON AS  
 WEATHER PERMITS.
- B. MISSION W51-1: 2 SQDNS 354 GP LOAD 2 X 500 FUSED GLD WILL PAT-  
 ROLL AT ONE HOUR INTERVALS THE AREA BETWEEN HOUFFALISE TO BIT-  
 BURG. SQDNS WILL BE UNDER RIPSAN'S CONTROL FOR TARGETS OF  
 OPPORTUNITY. FIRST TOT TO BE GIVEN LATER.

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- C. MISSION X51-1: 361 GP WILL ESCORT AND PROVIDE AREA COVER FOR  
 2 GPS B-26'S ATTACKING M-082351 AS FOLLOWS:  
 PLAN "A" VISUAL  
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<del>XXXXXX</del>	UNIT	R/V	BOMBER C/S	FIGHTER C/S
1 SQDN	1ST GP B-26'S	ZERO MINUS 40	NOTHING	SLEEPY
1 SQDN	2ND GP B-26'S	ZERO MINUS 25	PICKLE	GAYLIFEM

R/V U-7735. ROUTE: FIGHTER R/V - Q-9537 - R-2486 - M-2215 -  
 TARGET- TURN LEFT AND RETRACE.

1 SQDN WILL SWEEP TARGET AREA TEN MINUTES PRIOR TO ARRIVAL OF 1ST  
 GP AND PROVIDE AREA COVER FOR BOTH GROUPS. ALTITUDE 12,000 FEET  
 ZERO HOUR 1200.

PLAN "B". OBOE  
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AND 4 A/C NO BOMBS AND SUPPORTS UNITS OF VIII CORPS. CONTACT  
 "BLENDWELL" IN IMMEDIATE CORPS FRONT. 12 A/C FLIGHTS TO BE DIS-  
 PATCHED AT 45 MINUTE INTERVALS BEGINNING SOON AS  
 WEATHER PERMITS.

- X. COLUMNS OF ~~M/T~~ M/T AND ARMOR AT INCLUDE BOTH GERMAN AND  
 AMERICAN VEHICLES MAY BE ASSUMED TO BE ENEMY AND WILL BE  
 ATTACKED.

FLIGHTS OPERATING IN THE TRIER AREA WILL PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION  
 TO AREA BORDERED ON THE EAST BY SAAR RIVER, ON THE WEST THE MOSS-  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
 ELLE RIVER AND OUR FRONT LINES ON THE SOUTH.

RECENTLY THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL INSTANCES OF FRIENDLY A/C  
 ATTACKING OUR OWN TROOPS. GLO'S MUST INSURE THAT PILOTS ARE  
 THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH FORWARD POSITIONS OF FRIENDLY TROOPS.

WHEN DIRECTED TO OPERATE NORTH OF THE THIRD ARMY BOUNDARY,  
 FLIGHT LEADERS WILL CONTACT "SUEEPSTAKES" ON CARLIE CHANNEL.

4. NORMAL.  
 5. FIGHTER RECALL -- LITTLE MORON

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BT 310645A  
 AS FOR CK  
 CC UNDER 1. A. (1) 4XXX 14TH LINE IS VIC RPT VIC NOT VI AS SENT  
 AS  
 CC UNDER G. MISSION U51-4. (1) SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS  
 \* (1) TRIER - BIRBURG - WAXWILER - (PRUM) - BIRRESBORN - KYLLBURG -  
 WITTLICH - TRIER.

AS  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
 CC UNDER J. MISSION UML-1 THE WHOLE MISSION SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS  
 J. MISSION UML-1: 406 GP LOADS & A/C NAPALM, & A/CHEMWEIL"  
 VIC P-2225. IF NO TARGETS ARE GIVEN SQDN WILL EXECUTE ARMED RECCE  
 IN IMMEDIATE CORPS FRONT. 12 A/C FLIGHTS TO BE DISPATCHED AT 45  
 MINUTE INTERVALS BEGINNING SOON AS WEATHER PERMITS.

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AS  
 CC UNDER 3. H. LINE 4. TO END OF PARA SHUD READ AS FOLLOWS  
 RIVER LINE WETTERLBRUCK P8240 TO ECHTERNACH L0536 N ALONG EAST SIDE OF  
 ROADK TO BITBURG ~~WZ~~ L1353 WEST TO HUSCHEIRERDICT P8258 SOUTH ALONG  
 WEST SIDE OF ROAD TO ETTERLBRUCK P8248. 12 A/C FLIGHTS TO BE DISPATCHED X  
 AT ONE HOUR INTERVALS BEGINNING AT FIRST LIGHT.  
 AS CC UNDER 1. A. (1) AT ALMOST THE END OF (1) DOWN TO XII CORPS;  
 SHUD READ AS FOLLOWS:  
 XII CORPS: NO AGGRESSIVE ACTION REPORTED. TAC/R OBSERVED MUCH  
 VEHICULAR AND ~~TROOP~~ TROOP ACTIVITY VIC NOCHER (P7351) 301410A.  
 XX CORPS: NO CHANGE REPORTED; SMOKE SCREEN REPORTED 300300A; WAS  
 A FOG BANK.  
 TIC UNDER B. (1) FROM 4TH ARMD DIV TO END OF VIII CORPS; SHUD READ AS  
 FOLLOWS:  
 4TH ARMD DIV S// ASGD VIII CORPS AND CONTINUED WIDENING BASTOGNE RE-  
 LIEF CORRIDOR ON E.  
 9TH ARMD DIV (LESS CCB IN FIRST US ARMY SECTOR) CONTINUED FIGHTING  
 IN BASTOGNE POCKET. CCR RELIEVED AXK OF ATCHMT 4TH ARMD DIV.  
 101ST A/B DIV REASIGD VIII CORPS AND CONTINUED FIGHTING IN BASTOGNE  
 POCKET.  
 TIC CC UNDER E// 3.D. LINE 1 WA SUPPORTS UNITS OF III CORP RPT III CORP  
 AS CC UN X. COLUMNS OF M/T AND ARMOR RPT COLUMNS OF M/T AND ARMOR  
 AS  
 WW BB KK

IYR R.....310355A AH K  
 JPS R .....3T  
 IMITIC FOR OTHER R'S THEN I'LL GIVE CC'S PLS K IYR  
 IMY FIRST GP IN H. WA MISSION  
 IYR PLS GET THE OTHER R'S THEN I'LL GIVE THE CORRECTIONS FE  
 IYR R .....31/0400A CJM KKK

01JFX IYR IYO V II AK ITT NR 582 OP OP  
 01JFX T SELF AND GPS  
 IYR T GPS  
 IYO T SELF

FROM: HQ, XXIX TAC 31/1600A  
 TO: HQ 2ND TACXX TAF (MAIN) A-2  
 HQ NINTH AF (MAIN) A-2  
 HQ IX TAC (ALL WINGS & GROUPS)  
 HQ XIX TAC (ALL WINGS & GROUPS)  
 HQ CO A 573 SIG AV BN  
 HQ CO D 573 SIG AV BN  
 HQ 36 GROUP  
 HQ 48 GROUP  
 HQ 363 GROUP  
 HQ 373 GROUP  
 HQ 404 GROUP

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OPSUM 92 PART III FOR PERIOD 1100 HRS TO 1600 HRS., 31 DECEMBER 1944.

ADDENDUM: AMEND PARAGRAPH V89-2 OF OPSUM 88 PART III FOR PERIOD 1100 HRS TO 1600 HRS 27 DECEMBER TO READ "V89-2 494 SQ., 48 GP., TOT 1030-1035, 2 E/A PROB DEST (1 FW 190 AT P-8590 & 1 ME 109 AT P-8695. END OF AMEND.

V89-4 A/R ST VITH-HOUFFALIZE AREA, 48 GP., 494 SQ., 16 P-47'S, 0851-0930-0945-1053. 2 A/C DAM CAT A-FLAK. LOADED 24X500 GP., INST., 12X260 FRAGS. BOMBED & STRAFED HIWAY BRIDGE AT L-2582, HIWAY BRIDGE DEST. DEST 4 PLUS BLDGS, 2 M/T, & 4 RAIL CUTS L-2582, DEST 1 M/T, DAM 1 TANK L-2382. OBS BLACK P-47 WITH BROAD WHITE BAND AROUND VERTICAL STABILIZER FALLING IN FLAMES FROM 8000' AT 1020 HRS, AT J-9910.

A/R V89-4 BATTLE AEA, 48 GP., 492 SQ., 16 P-47'S, 0923-1000-14// 1040-1115 LOADED 24X500 GP., INST, 12X260 FRAGS, 4 A/C TOP COVER. BOMBED & STRAFED L-0679 PRUM, NRO, BOMBED & STRAFED SMALL UNIDENTIFIED TOWN NR PRUM AND WOODS SOUTH OF PRUMXX PRUMXX PRUM, NRO.

V89-1 A/R EUSKIRCHEN-SCHLEIDEN AREA. 36 GP., 22 SQ., 8 P-47'S, 0815-0905-0950-1030. 1 A/C DEST, 1 POLXXX PILOT MISSING. PLANE SEEN TO CRASH AND BURN AT F-230245, 0915 HRS. BOMBED AT F-185310, NRO. STRAFED XXXXXX STRAFED AND DEXXXXX DEST 2 M/T F-235245, 1 M/T F-240545, 1 M/T F-162000, 1 M/T F-234245, 2 LT FLAK POS F-236249. BOMBED M/Y F-4526 DAM 10 GOODS WAGONS, DEST 1 LOCO & TENDER F-495260, 1 LOCO F-3033, 1 LOCO F-30355. BOMBED TOWN F-2428, NRO, STRAFED & DEST 1 MOTOR TRUCK F-308268. BOMBED TOWN OF BITBURG L-1353, NRO. 2 FW 190'S, MAEYX MADE 1 HEAD ON PASS AT F-4035, NO SHOTS FIRED. LOST E/A DUE TO WEATHER. LOADED 8X260 FRAG, 16X500 GP-INST.

V89-6 HOOXX HOLLERNRATH AREA, 404 GP., 507 SQ., 1 ABORT-MECH, 0912-0935-1025-1058. LOADED 22X500 GP., 1/10, 1/40 FUSING, 11X260 FRAGS. RET'D 2X500, 1X260 FRAG. ALL BOMBS DROPPED IN ENEMY TERRITORY F-235195. BOMBS ARMED. WEATHER PREVENTED OBS. 11 P-47'S DISPATCHED.

V89-5 A/R BATTLE AREA. 373 GP., 410 SQ., 12 P-47'S, 0915-0955-1100-1140. LOADED 24X500 GP., 1/10, 1/40 FUSING, 12X260 FRAGS. JETT 2X260 AT F-1396. (BOMBS SAFE). DEST RR BRIDGE L-0075, CUT RACKS IN 3 PLACES. DARK GREENXXX GRREN P-47 FLEW WITH SQ., IN THIS AREA (MARKINGS F-4) THIS WAS A D-20 OR UNDER, 0955 HRS., AT L-005/// L-0075.

V89-2 HORBRUTH AREA L-643435, 36 GP., 23 SQ., 7 P-47'S, 0855-0936-1045-1110. LOADED 14X500 GP INST, 7X260 FRAGS, 1 FRAG & 2X55// 2X500 GP RET'D COULD NOT LOCATE TBXXX TGT DUE TO WEATHER, "ROSELEE" DIRECTED TO DROPP BOMBS IN AREA L-645420-L-641435, 6 BLDGS DEST.

V89-6 A/R F-0506, F-2010, L-2073, L-0573, F-0506. 404 GP., 508 GP., 11 P-47'S, 0958-1015-1130-1154. LOADED 22X500 GP INST, 11X260 FRAGS. PRIMARY TGT NOT ATTACKED DUE TO WEATHER. ATTACKED WIERURG F-4247, DAM 1 LARGE FACT & 1 SMALL BLDG. AT F-1753 DEST 2 BLDGS, AND AT F-1751 CUT RAILS.

V89-5 A/R ST VITH, 373 GP., 411 SQ., 12 P-47'S, 1000-1030-1130-1205. LOADED 24X500 GP 1/10, 1/40 FUSING, 12X260 FRAGS. ATTACKED TOWN F-2381

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V89-6 A/R P-5286, P-2910, L-2873, L-2973, P-8586. 400 GP., 500 SQ.,  
 11 P-47'S, 8958-1015-1130-1154. LOADED 22X500 GP INST, 11X260 FRAGS.  
 PRIMARY TGT NOT ATTACHED DUE TO WEATHER. ATTACHED KIERBERG P-4247,  
 DAN 1 LARGE FACT & 1 SMALL BLDG. AT P-1723 DEST 2 BLDGS, AND AT P-1751  
 CUT RAILS.

V89-5 A/R P-5286, P-2910, L-2873, L-2973, P-8586. 400 GP., 500 SQ.,  
 11 P-47'S, 8958-1015-1130-1154. LOADED 22X500 GP INST, 11X260 FRAGS. ATTACHED TOWN P-2981.  
 CLAIMS: BLDGS 12-2, M/T 30/// 5-8, TANKS 8-1, RD CUTS 4. BOMBED &  
 STRATED CONVOY P-5285 WITH CLAIMS OF TANKS 7-1, M/T 35-8, RD CUTS 5.

V89-3 A/R WEIDENZIER AREA. 36 GP., 53 SQ., 8 P-47'S, 8952, 1108-1130-  
 1210. LOADED 16X500 GP., INST, 8X260 FRAGS. BOMBED TOWN & M/Y AT  
 RHEINBACH P-4425. 7 BLDG DEST. 8 LARGE FIRES OBS IN TOWN, INTENSE BLACK  
 SMOKE 2 AS FROM OIL. PROB DAN TO MAIN TRACKS & SIDEINGS.

V89-7 ESCORT 3 B-24'S, R/V P-537635, 36 GP., 23 & 53 SQ., 6 P-47'S  
 8940-R/V 1010-1300. 1 A/C NRXXX NYR, 1 PILOT MISSING. ESCORTED ANOTHER  
 B-24 AT R/V 1045 HRS, NO WORD SINCE.

V89-4 A/R HOUFFALIZE-ST VITH AREA. 48 GP., 493 SQ., 16 P-47'S, 1045-1123-  
 1200-1247. LOADED 24X500 GP INST, 5X500 INCENDIARY BOMB, 2 NAPPXX  
 NAPALMS. RET'D 2 NAPALMS. RELSXXX RELEASED BOMBS IN VICINITY OF ST VITH  
 P-8588, 1 HUXXX HIWAY DAN, OTHERWISE NRO.

V89-8 RHUBARB MARCHE AREA, 36 GP., HQ SQ., 2 P-47'S, 1135-1150-1340-1355.  
 LOADED 2X260 FRAG & 8 ROCKETS. 2 ROCKETS RET'D. BASE TO MARCHE TO PRUM  
 TO L-0166 TO MERZIC TO P-7538 TO P-3440. BOMBED AT L-0074 NRO. AT P-5061  
 OBS 2 M/T, 2 ROCKETS FIRED, ONE DIRECT HIT. M/T DISINTEGRATED. REST OF  
 ROCKETS HELD LOOKING FOR TANKS AS EXPERIMENTAL MISSION.

V89-4 A/R BREAK THROUGH AREA, 48 GP., 494, SQ., 15 P-47'S, 1159-1225-  
 1240-1326. LOADED 24X500 GP., ( INST. 12X260 FRAGS, 1FRAG RET'D. AT  
 L-0484 HIWAY CUT, AT LAPXXX L-0679 1 RAIL CUT, 10 RR CARS DEST, 10 DAN.

V89-6 A/R HOLLENBATH AREA, 404 GP., 507 SQ., 11 P-47'S, 1230-1255-1320-  
 1344. LOADED 11X260 FRAGS, 22X500 GP., 11 SEC DELAY, 2X500 GP, RET'D.  
 AT P-992743 D/B M/Y & RR YARD, 2 RAIL CUTS, PROB DEST RAIL VXX CHOME  
 POINT. OTHER RESULTS NOT OSXX OSXX BXX OBS DUE 0 HEAVY CLOUDS.

V89-6 A/R FIRST ARMY AREA. 404 GP., 506 SQ., 9 P-47'S, 10// 1105-1200-  
 1250-1310. LOADED 16X500 GP., INST. 9X260 FRAGS. 4 FRAGS & 8X500 GP  
 RET'D. DROPPED 12 BOMBS THRU OVERCAST F-2820, NRO. AT F-1662 1 RD CUT  
 AND 1 M/T DAN. UNA KXX UNABLE TO FINISH RECCE DUE TO WEATHER.

V89-2 MUNSTERIEFEL AREA, 36 GP., 23 SQ., 6 P-47'S, 1210-1245-1330-1420.  
 LOADED 6X260 FRAGS, 12X500 GP., INST. P/T ABORTED WEATHER. "ROSELEE"  
 VECTORED 0XX SQ., TO TGTS OF OPPORTUNITY. DROPPED BOMBED ARMED IN  
 VICINITY OF EUSKIRCHEN.

V89-5 A/R ST VITH AREA 373 GP., 412 SQ., 13 P-47'S, 1030-1110-1210-1259.  
 3 A/C DAN CAT A-CXXX A-FLAK. LOADED 13X260 FRAGS, 26X500 GP., 1/10,  
 1/40 FUSING. BOMBED M/Y AT P-5588 WITH CLAIMS: RR CARS 10-5, BLDGXX BLDG  
 3-3, TRACKS CUT 4. AT L-4577 BOMBED M/Y WITH CLAIMS: RR CARS 4-3, RAIL  
 CUTS 2, BLDGS 3-0. 2 RR CUTS AT P-8880. BBS BLACK P-51 FLYING WITH 9  
 ME 109'S AT L-5060, 1200 HRS., 4000 FT, GOING EAST.

V89-4 A/R BATTLE AREA. 48 GP., 492 SQ., 12 P-47'S, 1407-1510. LOADED  
 24X500 GP., 12 NAPALM. ALL RET'D DUE TO WEATHER.

V89-1 A/R EUSKIRCHEN AREA. 36 GP., 22 SQ., 8 P-47'S, 1130-1215-1245-  
 1345. 2 A/C DAN, 1 CAT E LANDING, 1 CAT A-FLAK. BOMBED TGT OF OPPORTUNITY  
 X CUT RR TRACKS AT F-7704. AT L-9486 M/Y, 3 HITS OBS. RAILS CUT. POSS  
 DAN TO RR CARS.

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IYR. R. . . . . 312130A PNJ AR

JPX R. . . . . 312130A LBA

JKE R. . . . .

JPS R. . . . . JJI R. . . . . 31/2130A NH AR

JHR R. . . . . IMI FOURTH AND FIFTH PARAGRAPHS FROM THE BOTTOM PLS

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OPFLASH

Opflash No. 1 Site 68 Date 30 Dec Given To: D. Lewis

A. O.C.# WSI-5 Hour 1700

Target Armed Ware Train Area

B. Group No. 368 - 395 No. A/C Dispatched 12

No. Abortives           

C. T/U 0842 T.O.T. 0930 <sup>0935</sup> 1018 T/V 1052

D. Our A/C Casualties 1 - cat A - flt

Enemy A/C Destroyed            Probable            Damaged           

Personnel Killed            Wounded            Missing           

E. Results-

Rombs Loaded and Fusing 12 x 2 x 127 GP 1/10 1/4 A/C Escort

Rombs in Target Area            Jettisoned            Returned           

- L-2367 (4th) 2 arm and dest
- L-252688 (6th) 5 MT dest
- L-190638 (10th) train of 25 cars pointed N (no steam)  
3 direct hits, rest near miss, derailed 15-20 cars  
20 dest
- L-090338 (24th) 4 MT dest
- L-2670 (2nd) 2 MT dest
- L-2660 2 MT dest
- L-276694-278882 8 MT dest
- L-238697-262678 23 MT dest
- L-247682 - 2 staff cars dest
- L-258707 - 2 MT dest

F. Enemy Aircraft

FIAC: Billing 1 1860 H, not far all  
           4-1560 L, not far all

G. VITAL INFORMATION:

0935 1 - V<sub>1</sub> going w 2500 ft L-2365

-total 32 mt dest  
23 cars " dam  
27 " "

H. WEATHER:

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## MISSION REPORT

OPFLASH NO. 1 30 December 1944

- A. O.O. No. W51-5  
Armed Recce in the TRIER, PRUM, WITTLICH area.
- B. 368th 395th 12 P47s
- C. 0847 0930 0935 1018 1052
- D. 1 CAT "A" LT LELOUP FLAK
- E. 12 X 2 X 500 GP 1/10 1/40  
The Squadron worked with no controller, but found many targets of opportunity. 4 bombs at (L-2367) Des 2 A/Vs. LT BERGMAN; 6 bombs at (L-252688) Des 5 M/Ts, BLUE FLIGHT; 10 bombs went on a train of about 25 cars, stopped, but headed North, at (L-190638) obtaining 3 direct hits and several near misses. 15-20 G/Ws derailed. BLACK FLIGHT; 2 bombs at (L-090538) Des 4 M/Ts LT IVEY; 2 bombs at (L-2670) Des 2 M/Ts LT POLTZ.
- STRAFING: Several passes at a train stalled at (L-1967) NRO. 2 M/Ts Des at (L-2660) LTS IVEY, VIECK, & JEWKES; 8 M/Ts Des. at (L-276694) to (L-278882) by BLACK FLIGHT; 25 M/Ts Des. at (L-238697) to (L-262678) by BLUE FLIGHT; 2 Staff Cars Des. at (L-247682) by LT MCCRONE; 2 M/Ts Des at (L-258707) by LTS JENSEN & JETTE.
- F. BITBERG (L-1860) heavy weak inaccurate  
(L-1560) light intense accurate  
(L-1560) heavy weak to moderate accurate
- G. A V-1 was seen at 0955 hours heading West at 2500 feet over (L-2565)
- H. 10/10 stratus base 6,000 feet visibility 3 miles.

SUMMARY:	M/Ts	A/Vs	Staff Cars	G/Ws
Des.	48	2	2	00000
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Dam.	00	0	0	15-20 (Derailed)

A banner day for the Squadron, with a total of 52 enemy vehicles knocked out on one (1) mission, and 15-20 G/Ws damaged.

ROBERT L. CLARK  
Captain, A.C.  
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Opflash No. 3 Site 68 Date 30 Dec Given To: Lt Lewis  
 A. O.C.# W 51-45 Hour 1400  
 Target Hundred Acres - Kibby Area  
 B. Group No. 368 259 No. A/C Dispatched 16 P-51  
 No. Abortives \_\_\_\_\_  
 C. T/U 0900 T.O.T. 1040 1126 T/V 1210  
 D. Our A/C Casualties \_\_\_\_\_  
 Enemy A/C Destroyed \_\_\_\_\_ Probable \_\_\_\_\_ Damaged \_\_\_\_\_  
 Personnel Killed \_\_\_\_\_ Wounded \_\_\_\_\_ Missing \_\_\_\_\_  
 E. Results- 3 X 4 X 3 ARMS  
 Bombs Loaded and Using 6 x 2 x 01 09 1/2 A/C Escort 1  
 Bombs in Target Area \_\_\_\_\_ Jettisoned \_\_\_\_\_ Returned \_\_\_\_\_

*Weather prevented going to Kibby area. Report directed to the area.*

L-287375 - (12 hrs) Labouch - 20 cars in train (mostly) outside of small Mt. RR cut, 2 cars lost, 2 round houses hit, 2 wharves hit

*ARs* L-302382 1 MT dest, down

L-287375 3 boxcars dest (RR)

L-2331 1 " " dest (one of 15 cars .. no loss)

L-3442 Watzguch 1 car dest, shut off coal cars & rails cut. (1 of 13 cars)

*Chief* L-287375 (on opposite side of canyon) 20 flat cars (3 filled)

F. Enemy Aircraft whole train well stopped. Train 20 damaged, dest

L-318400 - 1 MT dest L-328347 1 MT dest, 1 coal wagon

L-271346 1 MT dest, 1 car dest, L-3135 3 MT dest + 2 med.

FLAK: (4 cars attacked, 2 destroyed) L-270346 1 loss dest

L-291368 - LT, LT, LT, LT

L-1036 H, mod, acc

Tray H, dest, acc

## G. VITAL INFORMATION:

Smoke seen (in 3 columns) 30 n E of target area.

L-312341 the quarrying on approach to a bridge

L-219267 1 Hy gun open -

~~Report Rail activity in Kibby Area~~

10/10 track area, over 7000', was good by area.

H. OTHER:

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397th Ftr Sqdn S-2 Rpt on a Armed Recce, Dive Bombing and Rocket Firing Mission --  
 Sqd Mission No. 326 -- 30 Dec 44

- A. Opns O No. \_\_\_\_\_, W51-5 -- Mission No. for day: ONE -- 30 Dec 44 --  
 Mission was to have been an armed recce in the area of Adenau, Sinzig, Bergen, and  
 Cochem; in addition, our pilots were to have looked over Andernach. Weather conditions  
 prevented the execution of this Mission, and our planes worked in the Trier area.
- B. 368th Ftr Gp, 397th Ftr Sqdn -- 10 A/C Disp -- No Aborts.
- C. UP: 0950 -- Crossed b/line on way in at 1040 -- TOT (bombs): 1100 -- TOT (Rockets);  
 1100 to 1115 -- Crossed b/line on way out at 1126 -- DOWN: 1210.
- D. Nil,
- E. 6 x 2 x 500lb GP bombs - 1/10 nose 1/40 tail ---- 3 x 4 x 5" AR Mark I rockets -  
 15/1000 second fixed base fuse. 12 bombs in tgt area. 1 A/C used as escort. 12 rockets  
 fired.
- Weather conditions prevented the execution of the assigned armed recce. Our planes  
 worked the Trier area. Ripsaw reported 40 plus tanks northeast of Trier. On being  
 asked for co-ordinates, he was at first unable to give them later he gave co-ordinates  
 which placed the tanks in Trier. Our planes were unable to attack them because of  
 flak and because of an overcast over the town. 12 bombs were dropped at L287375  
 slightly northwest of Schweich. The tgt consisted of 20 stationary flat cars and box  
 cars and round houses and ware houses outside of a small marshalling yard. No engine  
 was seen. The train was well hit. Two round houses also were well hit. The track  
 was cut and at least two box cars were destroyed. In addition two ware houses were  
 hit. All our pilots did well in the bombing. Lt's Kerr and Hunt especially distinguish-  
 ed themselves. Lt Kerr cut the track and destroyed two box cars. Lt Hunt hit two  
 ware houses.
- Rockets: Capt Dame destroyed one vehicle and damaged two vehicles at L302382  
 slightly northeast of Schwich. Lt Lewis destroyed three box cars at L287375, slightly  
 northwest of Schwich (the bombing tgt area). Lt Patrick destroyed 1 of 15 railroad cars  
 at L2351 slightly northeast of Trier. No engine was seen. These cars, which were  
 stationary, consisted of box cars and perhaps a few coal cars. Lt Patrick destroyed  
 1 of 15 railroad cars at L3242 slight west of Metzcrath.
- Strafing: Lt's Olden and Kostrack raked a train of about 20 flat cars, three of which  
 were filled, in the area of L287375 slightly northwest of Schweich. This was the  
 bombing tgt area. This tgt was on the other side of an overpass from the tgt which  
 our planes bombed. Lt Olden destroyed one truck at L318400 and one truck at L328597.  
 Capt Dame and Lt Horowitz destroyed a coal wagon at Bekond, L328596. They destroyed  
 an auto and killed two men at L3135 they destroyed an automobile and a large truck at  
 L271346. The auto was going east. They destroyed an engine at L270546 at Kenn. For  
 cars were attached to the engine, and the train was stationary. They ~~damaged~~  
~~destroyed~~ two vehicles at L302382 slightly northeast of Schweich. These  
 were the two vehicles which Capt Dame damaged with his rockets
- F. 20 and 40mm MG, inten and not very acc, at L291368. Hvy md fairly acc flak at L1096.  
 Hvy inten acc flak at Trier.
- G. Much smoke in two or three columns was seen about thirty miles east of the tgt area.  
 It was probably coming from factories. A tank guarding the approach to a bridge was  
 seen at L312341. A hvy gun position was seen at L 219267.
- H. sea tgt area and north of tgt area: 10/10 cloud coverage strato-cumulus clouds base  
 7000' top unknown visibility excellent. Intermittent patches of ground fog.
- I. Sqdn code not used.
- J. Ground control not much used but controller ready to help at all times.

BOMBS: OLDE	KOSTRACK	WEINSTEIN	UTERHART
KERR	HUNT		
ROCKETS: DAME		LEWIS	PATRICK
ESCORT:	HOROWITZ		

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OPFLASH

Opflash No. 4 Site 68 Date 30 Dec Given To: St Louis

A. O.C.# W 51-5 Hour \_\_\_\_\_

Target Huned Place - Trer Area

B. Group No. 768 - 395 No. A/C Dispatched 10 P10

No. Abortives \_\_\_\_\_

C. T/U 1235 T.O.T. 1315 - 1410 T/D 1440

D. Our A/C Casualties \_\_\_\_\_

Enemy A/C Destroyed \_\_\_\_\_ Probable \_\_\_\_\_ Damaged \_\_\_\_\_

Personnel Killed \_\_\_\_\_ Wounded \_\_\_\_\_ Missing \_\_\_\_\_

E. Results-

Bombs Loaded and Using 10 x 2 x 100 GP/100 A/C Escort \_\_\_\_\_

Bombs in Target Area \_\_\_\_\_ Jettisoned \_\_\_\_\_ Returned \_\_\_\_\_

*Handwritten notes:*

14 B ...  
 2 - in ... L447052 - road cut  
 7 - ... L412034 - in train 15000 ft ... heading E - steam up

F. Enemy Aircraft \_\_\_\_\_

FLAK: \_\_\_\_\_

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G. VITAL INFORMATION:

L391035 - train head end - steam up - 2000 ft  
 (1350)

H. WEATHER: 9/10+ low 4000 ft 6000 - wind 10-20 mph

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## MISSION REPORT

OPFLASH NO. 2 30 December 1944

A. O.O. No. W51-5  
Armed Recce in TRIER, REUN, WITTLICH area.

B. 368th 395th 10 P47s

C. 1335 1318 1400 1410 1445

D. NIL

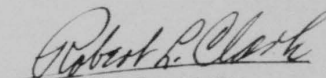
E. 10 X 2 X 500 at 1/10 2/10

F. The squadron contacted Controller "P" by #2 on "A" channel and was vectored around the bomb line area until a hole in the overcast was sighted. Divebombing was executed from 6,000 feet. 6 bombs hit a marshalling yards at (L-420038), and LT RIFMAN laid 2 bombs on the single RR line at (L-425035) obtaining a cut there.; No hits were secured on a train of 15-20 G/Ws in the M/Y. CAPT NORIEGA laid 2 bombs on a road at (L-449052); and LT DIGGS put 2 bombs on a train of 15-20 G/Ws at (L-412034) heading East, and damaged 3-4 G/Ws therein.

F. NIL

G. A train of 25-30 G/Ws was seen heading East at (L-391035). It was not attacked because bombs had already been expended.

H. Weather in three layers. 9/10 stratus from 4,000-6,000. 6/10 from 6,000 to 7,000, and 10/10 from 8,000 to 10,000 feet. visibility ranged from 4 to 8 miles.



ROBERT L. CLARK  
Captain, A.C.  
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OPFLASH

Opflash No. 5 Site 6E Date 30 Dec Given To: St Louis

A. O.C.# WS1-5 Hour \_\_\_\_\_

Target Armed Forces - Tower Area

B. Group No. 368 396 No. A/C Dispatched 100

No. Abortives \_\_\_\_\_

C. T/U 1302 T.O.T. 1445 T/T 1531

D. Our A/C Casualties 1 - out of A/C flash

Enemy A/C Destroyed \_\_\_\_\_ Probable \_\_\_\_\_ Damaged \_\_\_\_\_

Personnel Killed \_\_\_\_\_ Wounded \_\_\_\_\_ Missing \_\_\_\_\_

E. Results-

Bombs Loaded and Fusing 1200, 1040, 1/2 A/C Escort \_\_\_\_\_

Bombs in Target Area all Jettisoned \_\_\_\_\_ Returned \_\_\_\_\_

*6 in on RJs - P-987540 multi good  
3 mt dest # at fire in work ready  
1 tank & 1 1/2 track dest  
P-9854 mt dest*

F. Enemy Aircraft \_\_\_\_\_

FLAK: L, 1st, 2nd P-5753

H, " " L-0636

G. VITAL INFORMATION:

*102 the at RJs - along road NW of Harlange  
traverse along road*

*Difficulty of working on C & D channel  
Chasing radar of ten much controlled. Reports are  
10% shut - on 4000-6000 obs.  
via good.*

H. WEATHER: \_\_\_\_\_

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

597th Ftr Sqdn S-2 Rpt on a Armed Recce, Dive Bombing, and Rocket Firing Mission --  
 Sqdn Mission No. 527 -- 30 Dec 44

- A. Opns O No. 527, W51-5 -- Mission No for day TWO -- 30 Dec 44 --  
 Assigned mission was an armed recce in the area of Adenau, Sinzig, Burgen, and  
 Cochem. Andernach, which was not on any leg of the recce, was to be looked over.  
 Dive bombing and rocket firing.
- B. 368th Ftr Gp - 597th Ftr Sqdn -- 12 A/C Disp -- No Aborts .
- C. UP: 1530 -- ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ TOT: enter tgt area at 1555 and left at 1525.  
 DOWN: 1611.
- D. Nil.
- E. 8 x 2 x 500lb Gp Bombs 1/10 nose 1/40 tail --- 4 x 4 x 5" AR Mark I rockets. 15/1000  
 fixed base fuse. 16 bombs in tgt Area -- 5 rockets returned to base --  
 At the request of Blue Jacket our planes bombed a woods on the south side/Wiltz.  
 Blue Jacket reported an enemy concentration in these woods. Lt R D Sharp destroyed 2  
 buildings on the southern edge of the woods.  
 Rockets: Major Carbine started two fires in Nocher, F758512.  
 Strafing: Capt Krause's flight strafed in the area of Wiltz in a woods slightly west  
 of the town. No results observed.  
 All other strafing was done in Nocher, F758512, or in the vicinity. Capt Krause's  
 flight strafed the main street and building area. A building on the eastern edge of  
 town was set on fire. (Lt Bender's flight participated with Cap Krause's in the strafing  
 in Nocher and the Wiltz area.) Lt Bender destroyed two buildings. Major Carbine's  
 flight strafed the town and destroyed one tank and damaged one. Lt R D Sharp scored  
 good hits on a building. Lt Wright damaged two MT. In addition he destroyed two  
 of five other vehicles which he saw, he thinks the one of the destroyed vehicles was  
 an oil tank., but no explosion of fire was seen.
- F. Hwy mod not very acc flak at F772516. Light inten rather acc flak at F772516.
- G. 15 stationary vehicles were seen in Wiltz. Blue Jacket was informed about them. A  
 convoy of 15 to 18 vehicles was seen moving southwest into the area of F6655.
- H. 10/10 cloud coverage stratus and strato cumulus clouds base 4500' top 10 to 11000'  
 visibility very good.
- I. Sqdn code not used
- J. Ground control was effective but the air seemd to be excessively covered.

BOMBS:	KRAUSE	WLEDGE	HELLESSEN	KALEH
	BENDER	WRIGHT	BAKER	R D SHARP
ROCKETS:	CARBINE	HUCKE	HAMILTON	KOLESNY

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- A. Mission Number W 51-5                      30 December 1944
- B. 386th Ptr. Sq. dispatched 12 P-47's led by Capt. Henry.  
2 P-47's aborted - 1 radio out, 1 as escort.
- C. Take off at 0915                      TOT 1040  
Landed at 1135
- D. Nil
- E. 12 x 2 x 500 lb. GP bombs (1/10 x 1/40 fusing) were loaded.  
20 x 500 lb. GP bombs on M/Y at Cochem at 1-5872.  
4 x 500 lb. GP bombs were returned to base by abort.
- Bombing results were very good.  
18 hits were observed in M/Y - 1 locomotive, 20 goods wagons  
destroyed, roundhouse and warehouse damaged.  
5 cuts on track. 2 other locomotives damaged.
- F. Nil  
Nil
- G. Nil
- H. 10/10ths strato-cumulus clouds:    visibility good.  
Bottom at 7,000 ft.  
North section of recce area.

*Franklin A. Dick for Capt*  
FRANKLIN A. DICK,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
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FROM: HQ, XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND (MAIN) 300230A  
 TO: CG, THIRD US ARMY COURIER,  
 CG, VIII CORPS (ATTN: G-3 AIR) F.D.P. NO. 6 & 7  
 CG, XII CORPS (ATTN: G-3 AIR)  
 CG, III CORPS (ATTN: G-3 AIR)  
 CG, XX CORPS (ATTN: G-3 AIR)  
 CG, 100TH FIGHTER WING,  
 CG, XIX TAC (FREAR) (ATTN: COL. THOMPSON)  
~~CG, XIX TAC (FREAR) (ATTN: COL. THOMPSON)~~  
 CO'S, 354, 361, 362, 465, 467, 368, 405, 406 FIGHTER GPS.  
 CO, FIGHTER CONTROL CENTER.  
 CO'S, F.D.P'S, NO. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, AND 7

INFORMATION COPIES TO:  
 CG, THIRD US ARMY, TAC (ATTN: LT. COL. MURRAY)  
 CG, 64TH FIGHTER WING, CONTROL CENTER NO. 2  
 CG, XII TAC  
 CG, NINTH AIR FORCE, ADV.  
 CG, IX TAC (BY COURIER)  
 CG, XXIX TAC (BY COURIER)  
 CO, 10TH PHOTO GP.  
 CGXXX CO, 155TH NIGHT PHOTO SQDN.  
 CG, SPITFIRE X-RAY (-5ATTN: COL. BROWNE)

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY:

SECRET SEND IN CLEAR BY TELETYPE AUTH: CAPTAIN JUNKIN.

HQ XIX TAC  
 300100A DEC 44

FIELD ORDER NO. 152

1. A. (1) THE MOST IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT IS THE REDISPOSITION OF ENEMY ELEMENTS AND THE CONTACT OF NEW UNITS. THE 3D PANZER GRENADIER DIV IS NOW OUT OF CONTACT AND IS BELIEVED TO BE MOVING S. THE 9TH VOLKS GRENAIDER DIV WAS CONTACTED INT THE S IN OUR AREA. THE 12TH SS DIV AND 18TH VOLKS GRENADIER DIV WERE 2 ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATIONS. THERE WAS NOT MUCH ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THE N YESTERDAY -- MOSTLY LIGHT CONTACT AND DRXXX DEFENSIVE ATTITUDE IN THE S IN THIRD US ARMY SECTOR. THE ENEMY WAS ALMOST ENTIRELY DEFENSIVE. THERE WERE MOVEMENTS OF THE EN NOTED N AND E OUT OF THE TRIER AREA. THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE MOVEMENT BEHIND THE EN LINES IN THE AREA OF THE S PART OF THE XX CORPS AND THE N PART OF THE SEVENTH US ARMY. IN THE SEVENTH US ARMY AREA THE EN WAS GENERALLY ON THE DEFENSIVE. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT IN THE THIRD US ARMY ZONE THERE ARE 9 EN DIVISIONS --- 2 IN THE XX CORPS ZONE AND 7 ALONG THE BULGE. THERE ARE AN ESTIMATED 145 EN TANKS IN THIS AREA AND 20 ON THE XX CORPS FRONT --- TOTAL OF 165. THIS MAY BE AUGMENTED TODAY BY THE 3D PANZER GREN DIV IF IT IS MOVING INTO OUR AREA.

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(2) NO CHANGE.

B. (1) THIRD US ARMY - CONTINUED ATK N.

VIII CORPS:

4TH FRENCH PCHT BN EXTENDED FLANK PATROLS NW TO P-1870.  
28TH INF DIV: 109TH INF ASSEMBLED VIC P-2640.  
CCR 9TH ARMD DIV CONTINUED FIGHTING IN BSXX BASTOGNE POCKET

III CORPS:

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101ST A/B DIV CONTINUED FIGHTING IN BASTOGNE POCKET.  
4TH ARMD DIV (ATCHD: CCA 6TH AMXX ARMD DIV AND 318TH RCT (LESS ELMS) OF 26TH INF DIV) AND ELMS 35TH INF DIV DROVE W FLANK OF BASTOGNE RELIEF CORRIDOR E TO LINE P-4657 - P-4857 P-4657 AND DROVE E FLANK OF CORRIDOR E TO LINE P-3554 - P-5654 - P-5652 - P-5850.  
26TH INF DIV (ATCHD: ELMS 28TH INF DIV) ADVANCED N TO LINE P-6349 - P-6650 - P-6651 - P-7252 - P-7148 - P-7347.  
87TH INF DIV ASGD III CORPS AND COMMENCED MOVEMENT FROM SEVENTH US ARMY SCSECTOR.

XII CORPS:

5TH INF DIV ADVANCED WITH CCA 6TH ARMD DIV TO P-6111  
P-8643 - P-8943 - P-9044, AND FURTHER ADVANCED TO LINE  
P-9342 - P-9741 - P-9739 - L-0038 - L-0037 - L-0636 - L-063  
REENTERING ECHTERNACH.

XX CORPS:

10TH ARMD DIV (LESS CCB IN BASTOGNE POCKET) CLOSED VIC METZ

(2) IX B.C. ATTACKS TARGETS IN GERMANY; IX, XII AND XXIX TAC'S OPERATE IN THE TACTICAL AREA.

2. THIS COMMAND ESCORTS IX B.C. AND SUPPORTS III, VIII, XII AND XX CORPS AND CONDUCTS ARMED RECCES IN THE TACTICAL AREA.

3. A. MISSION ACN-1: 1 SQDN 354 GP LOADS 2 X 500 FUSED GLD AND SUPPORTS UNITS OF XX CORPS. CONTACT TURPENTINE VIC Q-1094 WHEN ENTERING TRXX AND LEAVING TARGET AREA. IF CONTROLLER HAS NO TARGETS SQDN WILL EXECUTE ARMED RECCE IN AREA: SAARBRUCKEN - LEBACH - TRIER - SAARBURG - MERZIG - SAARBRUCKEN. TOT SOON AS WEATHER PERMITS.

B. MISSION W51-1: 2 SQDNS 354 LOADS 2 X 500 FUSED GLD AND CONDUCT ARMED RECCE IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

(1) NONFELDEN - OBERSTEIN - KIRN - SIMMERN - KIRCHBERG - HERMESKEIL - NONNWEILER.

(2) TRIER - WITTLICH - COCHEM - KOBLENZ - BOPARD - SIMMERN - HERMESKEIL.

TOT SOON AS WEATHER PERMITS:;

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(LESS ELMS) OF 26TH INF DIV) AND ELMS 3572 INF DIV BROKE W  
 FLANK OF BASTOGNE BELIEF CORRIDOR E TO LINE P-657 - P-657  
 P-657 AND BROKE E FLANK OF CORRIDOR E TO LINE P-655A -  
 P-655A - P-6552 - P-6556.  
 26TH INF DIV (ATCRD; ELMS 28TH INF DIV) ADVANCED N TO LINE  
 P-6349 - P-6658 - P-6651 - P-7292 - P-7148 - P-7347.  
 57TH INF DIV ASGD III CORPS AND COMMENCED MOVEMENT FROM  
 SEVENTH US ARMY SECTOR.

XII CORPS:

5TH INF DIV ADVANCED WITH CCA 6TH ARMD DIV TO P-6///  
 P-8643 - P-8943 - P-9044, AND FURTHER ADVANCED TO LINE  
 P-9342 - P-9741 - P-9739 - L-0038 - L-0037 - L-0636 - L-063  
 REENTERING ECHTERNACH.

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 TERING TXXX AND LEAVING TARGET AREA. IF CONTROLLER HAS NO TAR-  
 GETS SQDN WILL EXECUTE ARMED RECCE IN AREA; SAARBRUCKEN - LE-  
 BACH - TRIER - SAARBURG - MERZIG - SAARBRUCKEN. TOT SOON AS  
 WEATHER PERMITS.
- B. MISSION W51-1: 2 SQDNS 354 LOADS 2 X 500 FUSED GLD AND CONDUCT  
 ARMED RECE IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:  
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 MESKEIL - NONNWEILER.  
 (2) TRIER - WITTLICH - COCHEM - KOBLENZ - BOPARD - SIMMERN -  
 HERMESKEIL.  
 TOT SOON AS WEATHER PERMITS:.
- C. MISSION X51-1: 36-1//// 361 GP WILL ESCORT 2 GPS B-26'S ATTACK-  
 ING TARGETS AT BAD KREUZNACH AS FOLLOWS.  
 PLAN "A" - ZERO HOUR 1100.
- | UNIT        | R/V    | TIME          | BOMBER C/S | FIGHTER C/S    |
|-------------|--------|---------------|------------|----------------|
| 1 GP B-26'S | U-7735 | ZERO MINUS 15 | FISHLOCK   | SHOWDOWN       |
| 1 GP B-26'S | U-7735 | ZERO          | PRDCXX     | PROCTOR MUSTAB |
- ALTITUDE 12,000 FT. ROUTE: R/V - Q-9537 - R-2468 - M-2214, -  
 TARGET TURN LEFT AND RETRACE.  
 1 SQDN WILL EXECUTE FIGHTER SWEEP IN TARGET AREA AND WILL PROVIDE  
 TARGET AREA COVER.
- PLAN "B" - ZERO HOUR 1200
- | UNIT        | R/V           | TIME          | BOMBER C/S | FIGHTER C/S |
|-------------|---------------|---------------|------------|-------------|
| 1 GP B-26'S | U-4596        | ZERO MINUS 44 | FISHLOCK   | SHOWDOWN    |
| 1 GP B-26'S | U49/// U-4596 | ZERO MINUE 29 | PROCTOR    | MUSTARD     |
- ALTITUDE 13,000 FT. ROUTE: R/V - P-8414 - L-3917 - L-3955 -  
 L-4771 - L-7473 - TARGET - M-2215 - R-2486 - Q9537 - U-7635 -  
 BASE.  
 1 SQDN WIL EXECUTE FIGHTER SWEEP IN TARGET AREA AND WILL PRO-  
 VIDE TARGET AREA COVER.
- D. MISSION WXE-1: 2 SQDNS 362 GP SUPPORTS UNITS OF III CORPS -  
 AT ONE HOUR INTERVALS. SQDNS LOADS 4 A/C NAPALMV AND 4 A/C  
 3 X 500 AND 4 A/C NO. BOMBS - ROCKETS AS AVAILABLE. CONTACT  
 "UNSTRAP" AT P-6041. IF GROUND CONTROLLER HAS NO TARGETS SQDNS  
 WILL EXECUTE ARMED RECCE IN IMMEDIATE CORPS FRONT.

UNIT	R/V	TIME	BOMBER C/S	FIGHTER C/S
1 GP B-26*S U-7735		ZERO MINUS 17	FISHLOCK	SHOWDOWN
1 GP B-26*S U-7735		ZERO	PRDCXX	PROCTOR MUSTAB

ALTITUDE 12,000 FT. ROUTE: R/V - Q-9537 - R-2468 - M-2214, -  
 TARGET TURN LEFT AND RETRACE.  
 1 SQDN WILL EXECUTE FIGHTER SWEEP IN TARGET AREA AND WILL PROVIDE  
 TARGET AREA COVER.

PLAN "B" - ZERO HOUR 1200

UNIT	R/V	TIME	BOMBER C/S	FIGHTER C/S
2 SQDNS WILL PROVIDE CLOSE ESCORT FOR 2 GPS. B-26*S.				
1 GP B-26*S U-4596		ZERO MINUS 44	FISHLOCK	SHOWDOWN
1 GP B-26*S U49/// U-4596		ZERO MINUE 29	PROCTOR	MUSTARD

ALTITUDE 13,000 FT. ROUTE: R/V - P-8414 - L-3917 - L-3955 -  
 L-4771 - L-7473 - TARGET - M-2215 - R-2486 - Q9537 - U-7635 -  
 BASE.  
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 VIDE TARGET AREA COVER.

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 AT ONE HOUR INTERVALS. SQDNS LOADS 4 A/C NAPALM AND 4 A/C  
 3 X 500 AND 4 A/C NO. BOMBS - ROCKETS AS AVAILABLE. CONTACT  
 "UNSTRAP" AT P-6041. IF GROUND CONTROLLER HAS NO TARGETS SQDNS  
 WILL EXECUTE ARMED RECCE IN IMMEDIATE CORPS FRONT.

E. MISSION W51-2: 1 SQDN 360 GP LOADS NAPALM AND 4 A/C  
 EMPLACEMENTS LOCATED AT P-1980, 3 MILES SOUTH OF CLERVAUX.  
 SQDN WILL CONTACT "FLABBY" VIC LUXEMBOURG BEFORE ATTACKING.  
 TOT SOON AS WEATHER PERMITS.

F. MISSION W51-3: 365 GP LOADS 2 X 500 FUSED GLD AND CONDUCTS  
 ARMED RECCE BY SQDNS IN THE A FOLLOWING AREAS:  
 (1) SAARBRUCKEN - ENXX NEUNKIRCHEN - LAUTERECKEN - KAISER-  
 LAUTERN - THALEISCHWEILER - ZWEIBRUCKEN - HOMBURXXX HOM-  
 BURG - SAARBRUCKE.  
 (2) NEUNKIRCHEN - NOHFELDEN - OBERSTEIN - KIRN - SIMTERN -  
 BINGEN BAD KREUZNACH - LAUTERECKEN - HOMBURG - NEUNKIRHXXX  
 NEUNKIRCHEN.  
 (3) KAISERSLAUTERN - WORMS - MAINZ - INGELHEIM - BAD KREU-  
 ZNACH - WINNWEILER - ENKENBACH.  
 TOT'S SOON AS WEATHER PERMITS.

G. MISSION W51-4: 367 GP LOADS 2 X 500 FUSED GLD AND CONDUCTS ARME  
 RECCE BY SQDNS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS.  
 (1) MAINZ - WORMS - LUDWIGSHAFEN - MANNHEIM - WEINHEIM -  
 DARMSTADT - FRANKFURT - MAINZ.  
 (2) WIESBADEN - RUESHEIM - ST. GOAR - OBRLAHNSTEIN - LIMBURG -  
 FRANKFURT - WIESBADEN.  
 (3) KOBLENZ - BONN - SIEGBURG - ROSBACH - HACHENBURG - LIMBURG-  
 KOBLENZ.

TOT'S SOON AS WEATHER PERMITS.

H. MISSION W51-5: 368 GP LOADS 2 X 500 FUSED GLD AND  
 CONDUCTS ARMED RECCE BY SQDNS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS.  
 (1) TRIER - BITBURG - WAXWIEILER - PRUM - BIRRESBORN - KYLLBURG-  
 WITTALICH - TRIER.  
 (2) WITTLICH - DAUN - PELN - BLANKENHEIM - DORSEL - ADENAU -  
 ULMEN - ROHEM.  
 (3) ADENAU - SINZIG - ANDERNACH - BARGEN - COCHEM.

TOT'S SOON AS WEATHER PERMITS.

I. MISSION OOV-1: 2 SQDNS 405 GP LOADS 4 A/C NAPALM, 4 A/C  
 3 X 500, AND 4 A/C NO BOMBS AND SUPPORT UNITS OF XII CORPS. CON-  
 TACTS "FLABBY" VIC LUXEMBURG FOR CLEARANCE ON TARGETS IN PRI-  
 MARY TARGET AREA: RIVER LINE WETTERLBRUCK P-8240 TO ECHTERNACH  
 L-0536 N ALONG EAST SIDE OF ROAD TO BITBURG L-1353 WEST TO  
 HWSCHWEIRERDICT P-8258 SOUTH ALONG WEST SIDE OF ROAD TO ETTERL-  
 BRUCK P-8248. 12 XXX A/C FLIGHTS TO BE DISPATCHED AT ONE HOUR

REPLACEMENTS LOCATED AT P-720, 3 MILES SOUTH OF CLEVER.  
SQDN WILL CONTACT "FLABBY" VIC LUXEMBOURG BEFORE ATTACKING.  
TOT SOON AS WEATHER PERMITS.

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- F. MISSION W51-3: 365 GP LOADS 2 X 500 FUSED GLD AND CONDUCTS ARMED RECCE BY SQDNS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:
- (1) SAARBRUCKEN - ENXXX NEUNKIRCHEN - LAUTERECKEN - KAISERLAUTERN - THALEISCHWEILER - ZWEIBRUCKEN - HOMBURXXX HOMBURG - SAARBRUCKE.
  - (2) NEUNKIRCHEN - NONFELDEN - OBERSTEIN - KIRN - SIMMERN - BINGEN BAD KREUZNACH - LAUTERECKEN - HOMBURG - NEUNKIRCHXXX NEUNKIRCHEN.
  - (3) KAISERSLAUTERN - WORMS - MAINZ - INGELHEIM - BAD KREUZNACH - WINNWEILER - ENKENBACH.
- TOT'S SOON AS WEATHER PERMITS.

- G. MISSION W51-4: 367 GP LOADS 2 X 500 FUSED GLD AND CONDUCTS ARMED RECCE BY SQDNS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS.
- (1) MAINZ - WORMS - LUDWIGSHAFEN - MANNHEIM - WEINHEIM - DARMSTADT - FRANKFURT - MAINZ.
  - (2) WIESBADEN - RUDESHEIM - ST. GOAR - OBRLAHNSTEIN - LIMBURG - FRANKFURT - WIESBADEN.
  - (3) KOBLENZ - BONN - SIEGBURG - ROSBACH - HACHENBURG - LIMBURG - KOBLENZ.
- TOT'S SOON AS WEATHER PERMITS.

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- H. MISSION W51-5: 368 GP LOADS 2 X 500 FUSED GLD AND CONDUCTS ARMED RECCE BY SQDNS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS.
- (1) TRIER - BITBURG - WAXWIELER - PRUM - BIRRESBORN - KYLLBURG - WITTLICH - TRIER.
  - (2) WITTLICH - DAUN - PELN - BLANKENHEIM - DORSEL - ADENAU - ULMEN - ROHEM.
  - (3) ADENAU - SINZIG - ANDERNACH - BARGEN - COCHEM.
- TOT'S SOON AS WEATHER PERMITS.

- I. MISSION OOV-1: 2 SQDNS 405 GP LOADS 4 A/C NAPAL, 4 A/C 3 X 500, AND 4 A/C NO BOMBS AND SUPPORT UNITS OF XII CORPS. CONTACTS "FLABBY" VIC LUXEMBURG FOR CLEARANCE ON TARGETS IN PRIMARY TARGET AREA: RIVER LINE WETTERLBRUCK P-8248 TO ECHTERNACH L-8536 N ALONG EAST SIDE OF ROAD TO BITBURG L-1553 WEST TO HUSCHEIRERDICT P-8258 SOUTH ALONG WEST SIDE OF ROAD TO ETTERLBRUCK P-8248. 12 A/C FLIGHTS TO BE DISPATCHED AT ONE HOUR INTERVALS BEGINNING AT FIRST LIGHT.

1 SQDN 405 GP IS RELEASED FOR MAINTENANCE AND TRAINING TILL DAWN 31 DECEMBER.

- J. MISSION JOL-1: 406 GP LOADS 4 A/C NAPAL, R XXX 4 A/C 3 X 500 AND 4 A/C NO BOMBS AND SUPPORTS UNITS OF VIII CORPS. CONTACT "BLENDWELL" VIC P225. IF NO TARGETS ARE GIVEN SQDN WILL EXECUTE ARMED RECCE IN IMMEDIATE CORPS FRONT. 12 A/C FLIGHTS TO BE DISPATCHED AT 45 MINUTE INTERVALS BEGINNING SOON AS WEATHER PERMITS.
- X. COLUMNS ~~OF~~ OF M/T AND ARMOR THAT INCLUDE BOTH GERMAN AND AMERICAN VEHICLES MAY BE ASSUMED TO BE ENEMY AND WILL BE ATTACKED.

FLIGHTS OPERATING IN THE TRIER AREAS WILL PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO AREA BORDERED ON THE EAST BY SAAR RIVER, ON THE WEST THE MOSELLE RIVER AND OUR FRONT LINES ON THE SOUTH.

RECENTLY THERE THRAVEXXX HAVE BEEN SEVERAL INSTANCES OF FRIENDLY A/C ATTACKING OUR OWN TROOPS. GLO'S MUST INSURE THAT PILOTS ARE THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH FORWARD POSITIONS OF FRIENDLY TROOPS

WHEN DIRECTED TO OPERATE NORTH OF THE THIRD ARMY BOUNDARY, FLIGHT LEADERS WILL CONTACT "SWEEPSTAKES;" ON CHARLIE CHANNEL.

4. NORMAL.
5. FIGHTER RECALL - "ZIG - "ZAG"

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- (2) WIESBADEN - FRANKFURT - MAINZ - RUESHEIM - ST. GOAR - OBERLAHNSTEIN - LIMBURG -  
FRANKFURT - WIESBADEN.  
(3) KOBLENZ - BONN - SIEGBURG - ROSBACH - HACHENBURG - LIMBURG -  
KOBLENZ.

TOT'S SOON AS WEATHER PERMITS.

- H. MISSION W-111 // W51-51: 368 GP LOADS 2 X 500 FUSED GLD AND  
CONDUCTS ARMED ARCCES BY SQDMS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS.  
(1) TRIER - BITBURG - WAXWIEILER - PRUM - BIRRESBORN - KYLLBURG -  
WITTLICH - TRIER.  
(2) WITTLICH - DAUN - PELN - BLANKENHEIM - DORSEL - ADENAU -  
ULMEN - ROCHEM.  
(3) ADENAU - SINZIG - ANDERNACH - BARGEN - COCHEM.

TOT'S SOON AS WEATHER PERMITS.

- I. MISSION OOV-11: 2 SQDMS 405 GP LOADS 4 A/C NAPALM, 4 A/C  
3 X 500, AND 4 A/C NO BOMBS AND SUPPORT UNITS OF XII CORPS. CON-  
TACTS "FLABBY" VIC LUXEMBURG FOR CLEARANCE ON TARGETS IN PRI-  
MARY TARGET AREA: RIVER LINE WETTERLBRUCK P-8248 TO ECHTERNACH  
L-8536 N ALONG EAST SIDE OF ROAD TO BITBURG L-1323 WEST TO  
HMSCHREIRERDICT P-8258 SOUTH ALONG WEST SIDE OF ROAD TO ETTERL-  
BRUCK P-8248. 12 A/C FLIGHTS TO BE DISPATCHED AT ONE HOUR  
INTERVALS BEGINNING AT FIRST LIGHT.

1 SQDN 405 GP IS RELEASED FOR MAINTENANCE AND TRINING TILL DAWN  
31 DECEMBER.

- J. MISSION JOL-11: 406 GP LOADS 4 A/C NAPAL, R XXX 4 A/C 3 X 500  
AND 4 A/C NO BOMBS AND SUPPORTS UNITS OF VIII COROS. CONTACT  
"BLENDWELL" VIC P225. IF NO TARGETS ARE GIVEN SQDN WILL EXECUTE  
AREMED RECCE IN IMMEDIATE CORPS FRONT. 12 A/C FLIGHTS TO BE DIS-  
PATCHED AT 45 MINUTE INTERVALS BEGINNING SOON AS WEATHER PERMITS
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5. FIGHTER RECALL - "ZIG - "ZAG"

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BT 300230A  
AS FOR CK  
CC UNFER MISSION C, PLAN "B"  
SECOND LINE AFTER PLAN "B" LAST GROUP IS FIGHTER C/S  
RPT FIGHTER C/S

MCF BBBB  
JFX R .....  
JPS R .....  
JJI R .....  
JHR R .....38/8415A JU AR K  
JHP R .....31/8415A "JY" AR K X  
JHP R ..... INI FIRST LINE IN 3. A. X  
KX  
3. A. MISSION ACN-11; 1 SQDN 354 GP LOADS 2 X 500 FUSED GLD AND SUPP  
ORTS OK  
OK K  
JHP R .....300430A SAL K  
JFX .....

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OFFFLASH

Opflash No. 1 Site 68 Date 29 Dec Given To: St Louis

A. O.C.# W51-5 Hour 1300

Target Armed Base - Karselantoni, D. Navy

B. Group No. 368 - 396 No. A/C Dispatched 12 (P4)

No. Abortives 2 - Engine Short

C. T/U 1855 T.O.T. 1015 T/D 1135

D. Our A/C Casualties \_\_\_\_\_

Enemy A/C Destroyed \_\_\_\_\_ Probable \_\_\_\_\_ Damaged \_\_\_\_\_

Personnel Killed \_\_\_\_\_ Wounded \_\_\_\_\_ Missing \_\_\_\_\_

E. Results- \_\_\_\_\_

Bombs Loaded and Fusing 12 x 2 x 100 (P 1/4) A/C Escort

Bombs in Target Area 19 Jettis ned 2 - unaimed Returned 3

*thought the*  
*Ditching (?) M/F. 2-4282 RR out 3 places*  
*2 mt det a few caps - good hits*  
*4, staying in area landed in yards*  
*4 in tracks*

*Reached to Karselantoni & throughout area - Nothing seen largely due to overcast*

F. Enemy Aircraft \_\_\_\_\_

FLAK: L & H, Mod, trace - 4282

G. VITAL INFORMATION: \_\_\_\_\_

H. WEATHER: 8-10% 1500-3000, ground haze East part of sea area

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- A- Mission No. "51-4." Date: 29 December 1944.
- B- 396th Fighter Squadron dispatched 12 P-47's led by Capt. Beer  
2 P-47's aborted one because of engine trouble, other acted as escort.
- C- Take-off at 0855, TOT at 1015, landed at 1135 hours.
- D- Nil
- E- 2 x 12 x 500 lb GP bombs (1/10 x 1/40 fusing) were loaded  
19 x 500 lb GP bombs on target, small M/Y. Possibly Dilsburg (Q4282)  
2 x 500 lb GP bombs jettisoned safe just E of base.  
3 x 500 lb GP bombs returned to base.  
Bombing results were: 3-4 cuts on railroad.  
1 vehicle was strafed and set on fire just W of target.
- F- Light and heavy moderate inaccurate flak at Target.
- G- Nil
- H- 8/10ths strato-cumulus, around Kaiserlautern and east.  
visibility ground haze.  
Bottom at 1500 feet top at 3000 feet.

*Murray B. Shaler*  
MURRAY B. SHALER,  
1st Lt., Air Corps  
Asst S-2

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Opflash No. 2 Site 68 Date 29 Dec Given To: A. Lewis

A. O.C.# W-51-5 Hour 1340

Target AR Saarbrücken

B. Group No. 368 - 397 No. A/C Dispatched 12 P47

No. Abortives \_\_\_\_\_

C. T/U 0932 T.O.T. 1025-1125 T/T 1200

D. Our A/C Casualties \_\_\_\_\_

Enemy A/C Destroyed \_\_\_\_\_ Probable \_\_\_\_\_ Damaged \_\_\_\_\_

Personnel Killed \_\_\_\_\_ Wounded \_\_\_\_\_ Missing \_\_\_\_\_

E. Results- \_\_\_\_\_

Bombs Loaded and Train 4x4x5 AR M via A/C Escort \_\_\_\_\_

Bombs in Target Area 16 Jettisoned \_\_\_\_\_ Returned 16 AR

*If you  
note  
in  
clouds*

*W/ L-403912 Saback, all bombs (no fuses,  
no fuses, about 40 can in yds N.R.O.)*

*Some bombs split in middle of yards  
and clouds cover prevented  
accurate observations*

F. Enemy Aircraft \_\_\_\_\_

FLAK: L, Int, France } L-4091

*H, W, G, Y, etc*

G. VITAL INFORMATION:

*Ripcar control was good.*

H. WEATHER:

*Clouds prevented obs  
Solid low stratus to top 4000  
no good clouds*

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

DB-4

397th Ftr Sqn S-2 rpt on a Armed Recce and Dive Bombing Mission -- 29 Dec 44 --  
Sqdn Mission No. 324

- A. Opns O No. \_\_\_\_\_, W51-5 -- Mission No for day: ONE -- 29 Dec 44 --  
 Armed Recce - Saarbrucken, Kaiserslautern, Lauterecken, Oberstein, and Nonweiler.  
 Dive Bombing of a marshalling yard at Lebach, L-405912.
- B. 368th Ftr Gp -- 397th Ftr Sqn -- 12 A/G Disp -- No aborts.
- C. UP: 0932 -- Crossed b/line on way in, t 1025 -- TOT: 1115 -- Crossed b/line on way out  
 at 1125 -- DOWN: 1200.
- D. Nil.
- E. 8 x 2 x 500lb GP bombs. Fuses: Inst nose, 1/40 tail -- 4 x 4 x 5" AR Mark I Rockets.  
 Fuse: 15/1000 second fixed base fuse -- 16 bombs in tgt area -- 16 rockets returned  
 to base.  
 Our Sqn ~~has~~ bombed a tgt of its own choosing. The tgt was the marshalling yard  
 at Lebach, L-405912. All the bombs were dropped in the marshalling yard. There were  
 several hits in the middle of the yard. No fires were seen. About forty freight cars  
 were seen in the yard. No engines were seen.  
 No strafing.
- F. Light, (20 mm), inten, not very acc flak at the tgt. ~~about~~  
 About five bursts of hvy, very acc flak a little northwest of the tgt.
- G. No Recce observations. Clouds prevented observations.
- H. There was an undercast with very few breaks-- low stratus clouds-- base unknown --  
 top 4,000' -- visibility very good.
- I. Sqdn code not used.
- J. Ground control by Ripsaw was very good.

BOMBS:	CARBINE	KOSTRACK	YANDEL	WRIGHT
	BARKER	CLARY	FRISBIE	R D SHARP
ROCKETS:	KRAUSE	THORNTON	HELLIESEN	KALEN

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## OPFLASH

Opflash No. 3 Site 68 Date 29 Dec Given To St. Hillson  
 A. O.C.# W51-4 Hour 1410  
 Target Staffing Mission  
 B. Group No. 388-395 No. A/C Dispatched 12 P47  
 No. Abortives Nil  
 C. T/U 1018 T.O.T. 1040-~~1040~~ T/D 1220  
 D. Our A/C Casualties 1 - Cat A - flak  
 Enemy A/C Destroyed \_\_\_\_\_ Probable \_\_\_\_\_ Damaged \_\_\_\_\_  
 Personnel Killed \_\_\_\_\_ Wounded \_\_\_\_\_ Missing \_\_\_\_\_  
 E. Results-  
 Bombs Loaded and Fusing None A/C Escort \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bombs in Target Area \_\_\_\_\_ Jettisoned \_\_\_\_\_ Returned \_\_\_\_\_

Area of P8587 → 2 motorcycles, 2 scout cars, 2 staff cars, 16 MTs, 2 armored cars all dest. all flaming.

Straffed P1572, P7778, P8269. → saw many hay stacks in this area. Straffed + observed no fire or vision.

F. Enemy Aircraft Nil  
 FLAK: Hy, wh, inacc. } St. Voth  
lt, mod inacc }

## G. VITAL INFORMATION:

P. 9972 - Straffed gun emplacement - appeared empty  
 P. 9378 → Observation tower - straffed - no claims

MTs + other vehicles hiding under trees near edge of road + good intervals between vehicles. Obs - 15 miles  
 H. WEATHER: CAUD - nice target N of Redmally - 3000; 4000  
8/10.

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## MISSION REPORT

OPSFLASH # 1, 29 December 1944

OO # W 51-4

Trunkated Cones SW of St Vith (P7778, P7572, P8269)  
LT EARLY leading.E. 368th Fighter Group, 395 Fighter Squadron  
12 47's dispatched, nil aborts.C. 1018 TOT 1040 TD 1220  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

D. XII One P-47 Cat "A" Light AA.

E Nil

By Strafing: This was a strafing mission and no bombs (P8788) were loaded. A total of 16 motor transports, two motorcycles, two armored cars, two staff cars, are claimed destroyed. An observation tower at P9378 was worked over. No claim made. At P9972 gun emplacements were strafed but our pilots believed this area to be empty.

LT EARLY: 4 M/T's.  
LT JENSEN: 5 M/T's.  
LT CALDWELL: 2 M/T's, 2 Staff Cars.  
LT DIMAN: 2 M/T's.  
LT MIDLAM: 1 M/T and 2 Motorcycles.  
LT FOLTZ: 1 M/T, 2 Armored Cars.  
LT McCRONE AND LT MONGAR: 1 each Scout car

\* These are all claimed destroyed. Lt JETTY claims one damaged M/T.

F 1) Nil

2) St Vith: Hvy, weak, inaccurate  
Light, moderate, inaccurate.

Some light stuff was picked up in strafing and light arms fire can be expected in the St Vith area.

G. The observation tower is reported because it's destruction is not certain and it is pin-pointed at P9378. Our pilots report and I gather from their discussion that thruout the area of flight, enemy transportation facilities are diving along the extreme edges of the roads to secure the protection of trees. It appears that other strafing missions in this general area are fairly certain to come across enemy convoys.

H. CAVU over tgt. North of TOT; clouds 3-4000 feet: 8/10.  
Visibility 15 plus miles.THEODORE F SKALKO,  
1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Intelligence Officer.

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OFFFLASH

Opflash No. 4 Site 68 Date 29 Dec Given To: 17 Jems

A. O.C.# W51-6 Hour 1650

Target A/R Frankfurt - Koblenz

B. Group No. 368 - 396 No. A/C Dispatched 12 P17

No. Abortives \_\_\_\_\_

C. T/U 1305 T.O.T. 1350 1420 1450 T/T 1540

D. Our A/C Casualties \_\_\_\_\_

Enemy A/C Destroyed \_\_\_\_\_ Probable \_\_\_\_\_ Damaged \_\_\_\_\_

Personnel Killed \_\_\_\_\_ Wounded \_\_\_\_\_ Missing \_\_\_\_\_

E. Results- \_\_\_\_\_

Bombs Loaded and Fusing 12 X 2 X 500 1/2 1/2 A/C Escort \_\_\_\_\_

Bombs in Target Area all Jettis ned \_\_\_\_\_ Returned \_\_\_\_\_

M-3693 (16 bombs) } Excellent results  
 M-3295 (8 " ) } 20 down  
 40 to 50 cars  
 top train 3 cars, 20 cars lost (train heading S)  
 also strafed. 1 loco exploded (second light has steam)  
 2 - 20 car trains (with steam) in NW, Brechen  
 damaged  
 sharp <sup>a bridge</sup> cut tracks, lost 20 cars  
 in 2 places  
 may be all ammunition dumped

F. Enemy Aircraft \_\_\_\_\_

FIAC: H, W, Jones, Tiger L-2030

G. VITAL INFORMATION:  
 2 - V<sub>2</sub> 1402, 1430 Area 35m E, Köln

Smoke extending to 10000' at Birgen M-5012  
 many fires. No flash.

Range 3-4 on Rhein N of Birgen (direction?)

A shell exploded near trees at 11000 x 500  
 2/10 shell drifted down that looked  
 like a dud

H. WEATHER: \_\_\_\_\_



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## OFFLASH

Opflash No. 5 Site 68 Date 29 Dec Given To: W. Wilson  
 A. O.C.# W-31-4 Hour 1830  
 Target A/R Houffalize - Waxweiler  
 B. Group No. 368 395 No. A/C Dispatched 12  
 No. Abortives \_\_\_\_\_  
 C. T/U 1462 T.O.T. 1430 - 1540 T/T 1616  
 D. Our A/C Casualties 1 - cat A flak  
 Enemy A/C Destroyed 1 - cat A Probable \_\_\_\_\_ Damaged \_\_\_\_\_  
 Personnel Killed \_\_\_\_\_ "Aounded" \_\_\_\_\_ Missing \_\_\_\_\_  
 E. Results-  
 Bombs Loaded and Fusing 12 x 2 x 500 1/2 A/C Escort \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bombs in Target Area 23 Jettisoned \_\_\_\_\_ Returned 1

P-8478 (8 bombs) 10 Mft + 1/2 tube dest, 10 dm  
 P-0762 (7 " ) 3 Mft dest, dest hit on supply  
 no explosion or fire  
 Schleit P-0563 (6 bombs) (2 bombs) Chley P-0961 - NRO  
 P-0562 - 1066 5 ft from position dest & position  
 P-8478 - 2 Mft dest.

F. Enemy Aircraft \_\_\_\_\_  
 FIAC: P-0562-1066 Lt, Very hot, Very acc  
 Schleit - Chley Lt, 3rd, Acc  
 P-0762 Lt, hot, Acc

## G. VITAL INFORMATION:

Incidently trucks pulled off Pdo - P-8580  
 Got response after about 5 calls.  
 Syden thought they saw some American vehicles  
 in convoy that was bombed at P-8478. After  
 bombing saw a few red panels

H. WEATHER:

CAVV on 2.

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## MISSION REPORT

OPSPFLASH # 2, 29 December 1944

- A. CO W51-4.  
Armed Reconnaissance (Houffalize - Waxweiler area)  
Captain Mazur leading.
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron  
12 P-47's dispatched, nil aborts.
- C. TU: 1400 LFI 1432 TOT 1440 LFO 1540 TD 1616
- D. One P-47 CAT "A" Light AA  
One P-47 CAT "AC" Light AA
- E. 12 x 2 x 500 GP 1/10 - 1/40  
One brought back to base.  
All bombs in target area.  
The first flight bombed at a point near P8478 and claims  
by bombing are: 10 M/T's and halftracks destroyed and 10  
damaged. Two M/T's destroyed by strafing.  
The second flight bombed at a point near P0762 where a direct  
hit destroyed 3 M/T's and what appeared to be one supply  
point. See (G) \*\*  
The third flight dropped 6 bombs on the town of Schlied xx  
(P109630), and two bombs on the town of Ehlenz (P095610).  
There was a great deal of light gun activity in these towns  
and no results reported.  
BY STRAFING: 5 Light gun positions were destroyed between  
the points of P050629 and P100665.
- F. 1) Nil  
2) P050629 - P 100665 Light AA, intense, accurate  
P109630 (Schlied) Light, moderate, inaccurate  
Ehlenz (P095610) Light, moderate, inaccurate.
- G. At P0762, Captain Noriega's flight reports that there were  
3 piles of supplies about 4 feet wide and 12 feet high  
and one of these was destroyed.  
Captain Mazur reports with hesitation that at P8778, Amer-  
ican vehicles were in the convoy that was hit. Also near  
this point and in the general area there seems to be a large  
American hospital. Some Red Panels were seen in this vicinity.
- H. CAVU in tgt area.

THEODORE F SKALKO,  
1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Intelligence Officer.

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OFFLASH

Opflash No. 6 Site 68 Date 29 Dec Given To: 18/1/58

A. O.C.# W51-5 Hour 1855

Target A/R - Trng area

B. Group No. 368 - 397 No. A/C Dispatched 12

No. Abortives \_\_\_\_\_

C. T/U 1421 T.O.T. 1500 <sup>1530</sup> - 1605 T/D 1639

D. Our A/C Casualties 1 - Cat A

Enemy A/C Destroyed 1 - Cat A Probable \_\_\_\_\_ Damaged \_\_\_\_\_

Personnel Killed \_\_\_\_\_ Wounded \_\_\_\_\_ Missing \_\_\_\_\_

E. Results-

Rombs Loaded and Engine 4x4x5 ARMJ A/C Escort \_\_\_\_\_

Pombs in Target Area all Jettis ned 2 P-7971 Returned 2 AR

*Went 8 ft above target area due to weather - 5 ft. with P-7971 (12 bombs) 4/1/58 many cylindrical objects well hit (but no fire) - 60 & 70 ft. alt - some objects seen at 20-25 ft alt - 10 ft 20 ft high 25 ft 30 ft diam*

*AR - 2 MT dam P-7971*

*Thief (A supply file (covered with cardboard) stolen, fire started)*

*P-7971 also some piles of brush stolen. V.R.O.*

*(7 MT 1 1/2 dia, 6 MT diam)*

F. Enemy Aircraft \_\_\_\_\_

FLAK: St. 1st, 2nd P-7065

Ar, 1st, 2nd P-6468

M.G. fire P-7961

St. 1st, 2nd P-685625

G. VITAL INFORMATION: 18-2nd-Fire sec - P7971

*20 ft gun emplacement seen at P-645655*

*St. 1st & 2nd activity on roads in by vic*

*Reedham (P-7420) - at least 60 red cross*

*veh.*

*P-704693 (3 towns in area) horses (15) & wagons*

*seen + positions*

*B-26's were very firing at some P-47's nearby (15 mi E)*

*1575, 1500*

H. WEATHER: CAVU

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D-3-4

397th Ftr Sqdn S-2 Rpt on a Ftr Recce, Dive Bombing, and Rocket Firing Mission  
 29 Dec 44 -- Sqdn Mission No. 325

- W51-7  
 W51-5
- A. Opns O No. \_\_\_\_\_, ~~W51-5~~ Mission No for day: TWO -- Dec 29, 1944 --  
 Armed Recce -- Nonweiler, Oberstein, Simmern, Wittlich, and Trier. -- Dive Bombing  
 and Rocket Firing.
- B. 368th Ftr Gp -- 397th Ftr Sqdn -- 10 A/C Disp -- No Aborts.
- C. UP: 1417 -- Crossed b/line on way in at 1500 -- TOT: (for bombs and rockets) 1530 --  
 Crossed b/line on way out at 1605 -- DOWN: 1639.
- D. Two A/C damaged by flak one Cat "A" and one Cat "AC".
- E. 3 6 x 2 x 500lb GP Bombs - Fuse: 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail -- 4 x 4 x 5" AR Mark I  
 Rockets - Fuse: 15/1000 second fixed base fuse. -- 12 bombs and 12 rockets in tgt  
 Area. -- 2 rockets jettisoned in area of F7373. -- two rockets returned to base.  
 Our planes bombed in the area of F7971 about 12 miles southwest of St Vith. The tgt  
 consisted of four buildings and many cylindrical objects which may have perhaps been  
 fuel tanks. The tgt was well hit, and the results were fairly good. All the bombs  
 dropped in the tgt area. No fire was seen. In the bombing Capt Dame scored direct hits/  
 The rockets were fired at the same place. Lt Hutcherson damaged one MT with his rockets,  
 and Major Leary damaged one MT with his.  
 Strafing: (At same place as bombing) Major Leary destroyed two MT and damaged 4.  
 Lt Lewis destroyed 1 tank and 2 MT. Lt Uterhart destroyed 2 MT. Lt Hutcherson  
 destroyed 1 MT and damaged 2. Lt Horowitz and Capt Dame strafed what seemed to be  
 supplies covered with cordwood. Fire was seen. They also strafed one of several  
 piles covered with brush in a woods these piles may have been tanks. Results were  
 not observed.
- F. Light, inten, fairly acc flak at F7065. 6 bursts of hvy acc flak at F6068.  
 Much MG fire throughout tgt area. Light mod rather acc flak at F685625. 20 emplacements  
 of light guns at F645605.
- G. Light vehicular and tank activity on roads in vicinity of tgt. At least 60 red cross  
 vehicles were seen at Asselborn, F7468. In the area of F704693 three towns were seen  
 in which were observed horses and wagons and people in civilian clothing. There  
 were about 5 wagons in each town. One of our planes was hit by what seemed to be 50  
 Cal Ammo. P38's were sighted but they did not fire at this plane. At 1545 a box  
 of B26's was seen about 15 miles east of the tgt area. They were firing at two  
 two P47's not in our sqdn. At that time our planes were flying at 12,000'. The B26's  
 were flying at 15,000' and the P47's at which they were firing were flying at 11,000'.
- H. CAVU in tgt area.
- I. Sqdn code not used.
- J. Ground control by Ripsaw was satisfactory.

BOMBS:	POTTER	LT BAUER		
	DAME	HOROWITZ	HAMILTON	PATRICK
ROCKETS	LEARY	HUTCHERSON	LEWIS	UTERHART

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FROM HQ XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND 291552A

TO CG, THIRD US ARMY  
CG, VIII CORPS (ATTN: G-3 AIR)  
CG, III CORPS (ATTN: G-3 AIR)  
CG, XII CORPS (ATTN: G-3 AIR)  
CG, XX CORPS (ATTN: G-3 AIR)  
CG, 100TH FIGHTER WING  
CO'S 354, 361, 362, 465, 367, 368, 405 AND 406 FIGHTER GROUPS  
CO, FIGHTERXX FIGHTER CONTROL CENTER  
CO'S F.D.P. NO. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 AND 7

INFORMATION COPIES TO :  
V AT ZERO AND ZERO PLUS 10. ALTITUDE  
12,000 FEET. ZERO HOUR 1200.

K. MISSION W51-6: 368 GP LOAS 2 X 500 FUSED GLD AND CONDUCTS ARMED  
RECCES BY SQDNS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- (1) HOUFFALI ORN X - KARLSHAUSEN.
- (2) BINGEN - WIESBADEN - FRANFURT - LIMBURG - KOBLENZ - BINGEN.
- (3) NONNWEILEBX - OBERSTEIN - SIMMERN - WITTLICH - TRIER -  
NONNWEILER.

TOT 49 SOON AS POSSIBLE.

WEYLAND

BT 291552A

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CC IN PARA J. 3RD LINE WB FEET SHUD READ 12,000 IMI 12,000

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NO J. IS KKK WELL I HAD POWER FAILURE HERE AND MISSED THAT  
ANNEX NO. 2 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 151

J. MISSION X51-2: 1 SQDN 367 GP WILL PROVIDE AREA COVER FOR 2 GPS.  
B-26'S ATTACKING L-169999 AT ZERO AND ZERO PLUS 10. ALTITUDE 12,000  
FEET. ZERO HOUR 1200.

K. MISSION W51-6: ETC

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CG VIII CORPS (ATTN: G-3 AIR)  
CG XII CORPS (ATTN: G-3 AR)  
CG III CORPS (ATTN: G-3 AIR)  
CG XX CORPS (ATTN: G-3 AIR)  
CG 100TH FIGHTER WING  
CO'S 354, 361, 365, 367, 368, 405, 406 FIGHTER GROUPS  
CO FIGHTER CONTROL CENTER  
CO'S F.D.P. NO. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, AND 7

INFORMATION COPIES TO:  
CG THIRD US ARMY, TAC (ATTN: LT. COL. MURRAY)  
CG 64TH FIGHTER WING, CONTROL CENTER NO. 2  
CG XII TAC  
CG NINTH AIR FORCE - ADV.  
CG IX TAC ( BY COURIER)  
CG XIX TAC (REAR) ( ATTN: COL. THOMPSON)  
CG XXIX TAC (BY COURIER)  
CO 10TH PHTO GP  
CO 155TH FIGHTER SQDN  
CG SPITFIRE XRAY (ATTN: COL. BROWNE)

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VHQ XIX TAC  
290100A DECEMBER 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 151

~~20~~ A. (1) ~~NO CHANGE~~ REPORT DUE TO COMMUNICATIONS DIFFICULTIES.

B. (1) THIRD U.S. ARMY CONTINUED ATK N.

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MAIN CP MOVED TO LUXEMBOURG.

VIII CORPS : CCR 9TH ARMD DIV ATKD ON W FLANK OF BASTOGNE RE-  
LIEF CORRIDOR ON GENERAL LINE P-4857 - P-4956 - P-4754.  
4TH FRENCH PCHT BN, ASGD VIII CORPS, MADE CONTA//  
CONTACT WITH ENEMY AT P-1960 AND P-2360.

III CORPS: 6TH CAV GP EXTENDED ARMY L FLANK TO N TO LINE P-36  
P-3161 - P-3456 - P-3757 - P-3955 - P-4253 - P-4556 - P-4552.  
4TH ARMD DIV (ATCHD: CCA 9TH ARMD DIV AND 318TH  
RCT (LESS ELMS) OF 80TH INF DIV) AND 35TH INF DIV DROVE N AND  
E TO LINE P-5950 - P-5550 - P-5454.  
26TH INF DIV (ATCHD: ELMS 28TH INF DIV) ADVANCED  
IN SURE R. BRIDGEHEAD TO LINE P-6648 - P-6550 - P-6650 - P-675  
P-7149 - P-7146.

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CC NINTH AIR FORCE - ADV,  
 CC IX TAC ( BY COURIER)  
 CC XIX TAC (REAR) ( ATTN: COL. THOMPSON)  
 CC XXIX TAC (BY COURIER)  
 CO 18TH PHTO GP  
 CO 155TH FIGHTER SQDN  
 CC SPIITFIRE XRAY (ATTN: COL. BROWNE)

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IN SURE R. BRIDGEHEAD TO LINE P-6648 - P-6550 - P-6650 - P-675  
P-7149 - P-7146.101ST A/B DIV ASGD III CORPS AND CONTINUED FIGHTIN  
IN BASTOGNE POCKET.

XII CORPS: NO CHANGE.

XX CORPS: 10TH ARMD DIV (LESS CCB IN BASTOGNE POCKET) ASGD XX  
CORPS AND MOVED TO VIC METZ.(2) IX B.C. ATTACKS TARGETS IN GERMANY; IX, XII AND XXIX TAC'S  
OPERATE IN THE TACTICAL AREA.2. THIS COMMAND ESCORTS VIII B.C. AND SUPPORTS III, VIII, XII AND XX  
CORPS AND CONDUCTS ARMED RECCES IN THE TACTICAL AREA.3. A. MISSION W51-1: 354 GP LOADS SQDNS 8 A/C NAPALM, 8 A/C 88X500 AND  
CONDUCTS ARMED RECCES:

- (1) SAARBRUCKEN - LEBACH - LOSHEIM - TRIER - MERZIG - SAARBRUCKEN.
- (2) TRIER-SPEICHER-KYLLBURG-BIRRESBORN-DAUN-WITTLICH-TRIER.
- (3) TRIER - BITBURG - PRUM - PRONSFELD - WAXWEILER - NEUERBURG-  
BOLLENDORG - ECHTERNACH - TRIER.

SQDN ON RECCE NO. (1) WILL CONTACT "PAILFULL" VIC THIONVILLE.

TOT SOON AS WEATHER PERMITS.

B. MISSION X51-1: 361 SP WILL ESCORT VIII B.C. DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

C. MISSION RGF-1: 2 SQDNS 362 GP AND 2 SQDNS 406 GP LOADS SQDNS 4  
A/C NAPALM, 4 A/C 3X500 AND 4 A/C NO BOMBS - ROCKETS AS AVAILABLE  
AND SUPPORT UNITS OF III AND VIII CORPS. CONTACT "PINKPIG" VIC  
P-6222 FOR ASSIGNMENT TO DIVISIONS FOR TARGETS. TOT AND INTERVALS  
TO BE GIVEN LATER.1 SQDN 362 GP AND 1 SQDN 406 GP RELEASED FOR MAINTAINCE AND TRAINE  
TILL DAWN 30 DECEMBER.D. MISSION W51-2: 365 GP LOADS 2X500 AND 1X260 FRAGS AND CONDUCT ARE  
RECCE IN FOLLOWING AREA:

- (1) AREA BOUNDED BY FOLLOWING COORDINATES: P-8689 - P-8763 -  
L-1073 - L-0595 - P-8689.
- (2) AREA BOUNDED BY FOLLOWING COORDINATES: L-0595 - L-1073 - L-//  
L-3885 - F-2907 - L-0595.

(3) AREA BOUNDED BY FOLLOWING COORDINATES: F-2907 - L-3885 - L-1073 - L-//

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181ST AVB DIV ASGD III CORPS AND CONTINUED FIGHTS  
IN BASTOGNE POCKET.

XII CORPS: NO CHANGE.

XX CORPS: 10TH ARMD DIV (LESS CCB IN BASTOGNE POCKET) ASGD XX CORPS AND MOVED TO VIC METZ.

(2) IX B.C. ATTACKS TARGETS IN GERMANY; IX, XII AND XXIX TAC'S OPERATE IN THE TACTICAL AREA.

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(2) TRIER-SPEICHER-KYLLBURG-BIRRESBORN-DAUN-WITTLICH-TRIER.  
(3) TRIER - BITBURG - PRUM - PRONSFELD - WAXWEILER - NEUERBURG-BOLLENDORG - ECHTERNACH - TRIER.

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TOT SOON AS WEATHER PERMITS.

B. MISSION X51-1: 361 SP WILL ESCORT VIII B.C. DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

C. MISSION RQF-1: 2 SQDNS 362 GP AND 2 SQDNS 406 GP LOADS SQDNS & A/C NAPALM, 4 A/C 3X500 AND 4 A/C NO BOMBS - ROCKETS AS AVAILABLE AND SUPPORT UNITS OF III AND VIII CORPS. CONTACT "PINKPIG" VIC P-6222 FOR ASSIGNMENT TO DIVISIONS FOR TARGETS. TOT AND INTERVALS TO BE GIVEN LATER.

1 SQDN 362 GP AND 1 SQDN 406 GP RELEASED FOR MAINTAINCE AND TRAINE TILL DAWN 30 DECEMBER.

D. MISSION W51-2: 365 GP LOADS 2X500 AND 1X260 FRAGS AND CONDUCT ARMED RECCE IN FOLLOWING AREA:

(1) AREA BOUNDED BY FOLLOWING COORDINATES: P-8689 - P-8763 -

L-1073 - L-0595 - P-8689.

(2) AREA BOUNDED BY FOLLOWING COORDINATES: L-0595 - L-1073 - L-//

L-3885 - F-2907 - L-0595.

(3) AREA BOUNDED BY FOLLOWING COORDINATES: F-2907 - L-3885 - L-658

F-5727 - F-2907.

TOT SOON AS WEATHER PERMITS

E. MISSION W51-3: 367 GP LOADS ALL A/C 2 C500 AND CONDUCT ARMED RECCE IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

(1) DAUN - WITTLICH - COCHEM - MAYEN - WHITTLICH.

(2) MAYEN - COCHEM - KOBLENZ - ANDERNACH - SINZIG - MAYEN.

(3) KOBLENZ - BOPPARD - SIMMERN - BAD KREUZNACH - BINGEN - ST. BOR ST. GOAR - KOBLENZ.

TOT SOON AS WEATHER PERMITS.

F. MISSION W51-4: 1 SQDN 368 GP WILL ATTACK BY STRAFFING CYLINDRICAL CONE SHAPED OBJECTS LOCATED IN FIELDS AND TOWN OVER THREE MILE RADIUS, OBJECTS APPROXIMATELY 22 OR 23 FT IN DIAMETER. MAY BE CAMOFLAGED AS HAY STACKS. LOCATION P-7672 - P-7873 - P-8269. TOT SOON AS WEATHER PERMITS.

G. MISSION W51-5: 2 SQDNS 368 GP WILL LOAD 2X500 AND ROCKETS AS AVAIL ABLE AND CONDUCT ARMED RECCE IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

(1) SAARBRUCKEN - NEUNWIRCHEN - HOMBURG - KAISERSLAUTERN - LAUTERN LAUTERECKEN - OBERSTEIN - NOHFELDEN - NONNWEILER.

(2) KAISERSLAUTERN - MARNHEIM - WORMS - MAINZ - BINGEN - BAD KREUZNACH - OBERSTEIN.

TOT SOON AS WEATHER PERMITS.

H. MISSION SPB-1: 405 GP LOADS 4 A/C NAPALM, 4 A/C 3 X 500 AND 4 A/C

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 TOT SOON AS WEATHER PERMITS.

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 LAUTERRECKEN - OBERSTEIN - NONFELDEN - NONNWEILER.  
 (2) KAISERSLAUTERN - MARNHEIM - WORMS - MAINZ - BINGEN - BAD - KREUZNACH - OBERSTEIN.  
 TOT SOON AS WEATHER PERMITS.

H. MISSION SPB-1: 405 GP LOADS 4 A/C NAPALM, 4 A/C 3 X 500 AND 4 A/C NO BOMBS AND SUPPORTS UNITS OF XII CORPS. CONTACT "FLABBY" VIC LUXEMBURG CLEARANCE ON TARGETS IN PRIMARY TARGET AREA: RIVER LINE ETTERLBRUCK (P-8248) TO ECHTERNACH (L-8536) N ALONG EAST SIDE OF ROAD TO BITBURG (L-1353) WEST TO HOSCHEIRERDICT (P-8258) SOUTH ALN ALONG WEST SIDE OF ROAD TO ETTERLBRUCK (P-8248). 12 A/C FLIGHTS TO BE DISPATCHED AT ONE HOUR INTERVALS BEGINNING AT FIRST LIGHT.

X. COLUMNS OF M/T AXN AND ARMOR THAT INCLUDE BOTH GERMAN AND AMERICAN VEHICLES // MAYBE ASSUMED TO BE ENEMY AND WILL BE ATTACKED.

FLIGHTS OPERATING IN THE TRIER AREA WILL PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO AREA BORDERED ON THE EAST BY SAAR RIVER, ON THE WEST THE MOSELLE RIVER AND OUR FRONT LINES ON THE SOUTH.

RECENTLY THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL INSTANCES OF FRIENDLY A/C ATTACKS OUR OWN TROOPS. GLO'S MUST INSURE THAT PILOTS ARE THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH FORWARD POSITIONS OF FRIENDLY TROOPS.

WHEN DIRECTED TO OPERATE NORTH TO THE 3 RD ARMY BOUNDARY, FLIGHT LEADERS WILL CONTACT "SWEEPSTAKES" ON CHARLIE CHANNEL.

4. NORMAL.

5. FIGHTER RECALL - "LIMEY LAND".

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(2) NO CHANGE.

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FROM : HQ, XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND (ADV) 280100A  
TO : CG, THIRD US ARMY  
CG, VIII CORPS (ATTN: G-3 AIR)  
CG, XII CORPS (ATTN: G-3 AIR)  
CG, III CORPS (ATTN: G-3 AIR)  
CG, XX CORPS (ATTN: G-3 AIR)  
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CG, IX TAC (BY COURIER)  
CG, XIX TAC (REAR) (ATTN: COL. THOMPSON)  
CG, XXIX TAC (BY COURIER)  
CO, 10TH PHOTO GROUP  
CO, 155TH NIGHT PHOTO SDXXX SQDN  
CG, SPITFIRE X-RAY (ATTN: COL BROWNE)

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

SECRET SEND IN CLEAR BY EXXX TELETYPE AUTHORITY CAPT. NEAL

HQ, XIX TAC  
280100A DECEMBER 28

1. A.(1) PW CAPTURED AT MORHET (P459539) CLAIMS HE WAS RIDING IN FLAK VEHICLE, RAN OVER MINE AT P502525. US PLNXXX PLANES SHOT UP VEHICLE NEXT DAY. HIS UNIT SUPPOSED TO JOIN LARGER UNIT IN ST HUMBERT AREA. HIS UNIT 559PZ AT BN (M), MISSION TO HOLD ST HJBXX HUMBXXXX HUBERT UNTIL ENEMY COULD CLOSE BASTOGNE POCKET, THEN PROCEED TO NAH HIS UNIT HAD 12 75 MM GUNS MOUNTED ON M-4 CHASSIS. ALSO HAD M-5'S MOUNTING 88MM. HE STTEXXX STATED THEY ALSO HAD NEW AA, 43MM ON M-5 CHASSIS. THIS WEAPON TRANSPORTS LOAD OF AMMO OF 380 ROUNDS OF HE AND 80 ROUNDS OF AP. 4 OF THESE ATTACHED TO HIS BN WITH THIS WEAPON THEY SHOT DOWN 6 US TRANSPORT PLANES THIS PLXX PAST SUNDAY.

A.(2) NO CHANGE

- B.(1) THIRD US ARMY CONTINUED ATTACK N.  
VIII CORPS: 11TH ARMD DIV ASGD VIII CORPS AND CONTINUES PATROLLING  
----- E AND W OF MEUSE R.  
17TH A/B DIV ASGD VIII CORPS VIC T5565 IN POSITION TO REINFORCE  
MEUSE R SECTOR.  
101ST A/B DIV CONTINUES FIGHTING IN BASTOGNE POCKET WITH CCR 9TH  
ARMD DIV AND ELMS 28TH INF DIV.

CC, NINTH AIR FORCE, ADV.  
 CC, IX TAC (BY COURIER)  
 CC, XIX TAC (REAR) (ATTN: COL. THOMPSON)  
 CC, XXIX TAC (BY COURIER)  
 CO, 10TH PHOTO GROUP  
 CO, 155TH NIGHT PHOTO SQDN  
 CC, SPITFIRE X-RAY (ATTN: COL BROWNE)

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A. (2) NO CHANGE

- B. (1) THIRD US ARMY CONTINUED ATTACK N.  
 VIII CORPS; 11TH ARMD DIV ASGD VIII CORPS AND CONTINUES PATROLLING E AND W OF MEUSE R.  
 17TH A/B DIV ASGD VIII CORPS VIC T5565 IN POSITION TO REINFORCE MEUSE R SECTOR.  
 101ST A/B DIV CONTINUES FIGHTING IN BASTOGNE POCKET WITH CCR 9TH ARMD DIV AND ELMS 28TH INF DIV.

III CORPS; 4TH ARMD DIV (ATTCHD; CCA 9TH ARMD DIV AND 318TH RCT (LESS ELMS) OF 80TH INF DIV) AND 6TH CAV GP EXTENDED ARMY FRONT W ALONG LINE P4149 - P3161, ADVANCED LINES ON W OF BASTOGNE RELIEF CORRIDOR TO P4956 - P4753 - P4149, AND DROVE E FLAN OF CORRIDOR E TO LINE P5554 - P5152 - 5151 - 5351 - P5349 - 5449. CCA 9TH ARMD DIV MOVED W FROM XII CORPS SECTOR.  
 26TH INF DIV (ATTCHD; ELMS 28TH INF DIV) ADVANCED N TO LINE P6148 - P6347 - P6548 - P6848 - P7046.

XII CORPS; 10TH ARMD DIV; CCA DROVE N WITH ELMS 5TH INF DIV TO L-0436, RELIEVED CCA 9TH ARMD DIV ON FRONT, AND ASSEMBLED. CCB CONTINES FIGHTING IN BASTOGNE POCKET. CCR ASSEMBLED VIC P8922.  
 6TH ARMD DIV CLOSED VIC LUXEMBEXXX LUXEMBOURG. CCA RELIEVED CCA 11 ARMD DIV ON FRONT, AND ADVANCED WITH ELMS 28TH INF DIV TO LINE P839 P8643 - P8943.  
 5TH INF DIV ADVANCED N TO P9639 AND TO L0038 - L0238.

XX CORPS; NO CHANGE

- B. (2) IX B.C. ATTACKS TARGETS IN GERMANY; IX, XII AND XXIX TAC'S OPERATE IN THE TACTICAL AREA.
2. THIS COMMAND ESCORTS IX B.C. AND SUPPORTS III, VIII, XII AND XX CORPS AND CONDUCTS ARMED RECES IN THE TACTICAL AREA.
3. A. MISSION W51-1. 354 GP LOAD SQDNS 8 A/C NAPALM, 8 A/C 3X500 AND CONDUCTS FOLLOWING ARMED RECES:  
 (1) SAARBRUCKEN - LEBACH - LOSHEIM - TRIER - MERZIG - SAARBRUCKEN.  
 (2) TRIER-SPEICHER-KYLLBURG-BIRRESBORN-DAUN-WITTLICH-TRIER.  
 (3) TRIER-BITBURG-PRUM - PRONSFELD - WAXWEILER - NEUERBURG - BOLLENDORG - ECHTERNACH - TRIER.

SQDN ON RECCE NO. (1) WILL CONTACT "PAILFULL" VIC THIONVILLE.

TOT SOON AS WEATHER PERMITS.

BM MISSION X51-1. 361 GP WILL ESCORT IX B.C. DETAILS TO FOLLOWS///// FOLLOW.

- C. MISSION YIF-1. 362 GP LOADS 4 A/C NAPALM, 4 A/C 3X500 AND 4 A/C NO BOMBS ALSO POCKETS AS AVAILABLE AND SUPPORTS UNITS OF III CORPS CONTACT PINKPIG VIC P-6222 FOR ASSIGNMENT TO DIVISIONS FOR TARGETS

IX CORPS; NO CHANGE

B.(2) IX B.C. ATTACKS TARGETS IN GERMANY; IX, XII AND XXIX TAC'S OPERATE IN THE TACTICAL AREA.

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C. MISSION YIF-1. 362 GP LOADS 4 A/C NAPALM, 4 A/C 3X500 AND 4 A/C NO BOMBS ALSO POCKETS AS AVAILABLE AND SUPPORTS UNITS OF III CORPS CONTACT PINKPIG VIC P-6222 FOR ASSIGNMENT TO DIVISIONS FOR TARGETS 12 A/C TO BE DISPATCHED AT 1 HOUR INTERVALS BEGINNING AT FIRST LIGHT

D. MISSION W51-2. 365 GP LOADS 2X500 AND 1X260 FRAGS AND CONDUCT ARMED RECCE IN FOLLOWING AREA:  
 (1) AREA BOUNDED BY FOLLOWING COORDINATES: P8689 - P8963 - L1073 - L0595 - P8689.  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
 (2) AREA BOUNDED BY FOLLOWING COORDINATES: L0595 - L1073 - L3885 F2907 - L0595  
 (3) AREA BOUNDED BY FOLLOWING COORDINATES: F2907 - L3885 - L6598 - F5727 - F2907.

TOT AS SOON AS WEATHER PERMITS.

E. MISSION W51-3. 367 GP LOADS ALL A/C 2X500 AND CONDUCT ARMED RECCES IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

(1) DAUN - WITTLICH - COCHEM - MAYEN - WITTLICH.  
 (2) MAYEN - COCHEM - KOBLENZ - ANDERNACH - SINZIG - NAYENXXX MAYEN  
 (3) KOBLENZ - BOPPARD - SIMMERN - BAD KREUZNACH - BINGEN - ST. GOAR - KOBLENZ.

TOT SOON AS WEATHER PERMITS

F. MISSION W51-4. 368 GP LOADS ALL A/C 3X500 AND ROCKETS AS FAR AS AVAILABLE AND CONDUCTS ARMED RECCES AND ATTACKS TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY IN THE BREAK THROUGH AREA; MALMEDY - ST BITH - WILTZ - BASTOGNE - ST HUIJXXX HUBERT. CONTACT RIPSAN ON CHARLIE CHANNEL FOR TARGETS REPORTED BY TAC/R. SQDNS TO BE DISPATCHED AT 1 HOUR INTERVALS BEGINNING AT FIRST LIGHT.

G. MISSION AML-1. 405 GP LOADS 4 A/C CXX NAPALM, 4 A/C 3X500 AND 4 A/C NO BOMBS AND SUPPORTS UNITS OF XII CORPS. CONTACT FLABBY VIC N LUXEMBURG CLEARANCE ON TARGETS IN PRIMARY TARGETS AREA; RIVER LINE ETTERLBRUCK (P-8240) TO ECHTERNACH (L-0536) N ALONG EAST SIDE OF ROAD TO BITBURG (L-1353) WEST TO HOSCHEIRERDICT (P-8258) SOUTH ALONG WEST SIDE OF ROAD TO TXXX TXXX ETTERLBRUCK (P-8248). 12 A/C FLIGHTS TO BE DISPATCHED AT ONE HOUR INTERVALS BEGINNING AT FIRST LIGHT.

H. MISSION SRN-1. 406 GP LOADS 4 A/C NAPALM, 4 A/C 3X500 AND 4 A/C NO BOMBS AND ROCKETS AS AVAILABLE AND SUPPORTS UNITS OF VIII CORPS. CONTACT ~~XXXXXXXX~~ BLENDWELL VIC P-2225. 12 A/C TO BE DISPATCHED AT ONE HOUR INTERVALS BEGINNING AT FIRST LIGHT.

R. NORMAL

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AVAILABLE AND CONDUCTS ARMED RECCES AND ATTACKS TARGETS OF OPPOR-  
TUNITY IN THE BREAK THROUGH AREA; MALMEDY - ST BITH - WILTZ -  
BASTOGNE - ST HUBERT, CONTACT RIPSAN ON CHARLIE CHANNEL  
FOR TARGETS REPORTED BY TAC/R, SQDMS TO BE DISPATCHED AT 1 HOUR  
INTERVALS BEGINNING AT FIRST LIGHT.

G. MISSION AML-1, 405 GP LOADS 4 A/C CXX NAPALM, 4 A/C 3X500 AND 4  
A/C NO BOMBS AND SUPPORTS UNITS OF XII CORPS, CONTACT FLABBY VIC N  
LUXEMBURG CLEARANCE ON TARGETS IN PRIMARY TARGETS AREA; RIVER LINE  
ETTERLBRUCK (P-8248) TO ECHELNACH (L-0536) N ALONG EAST SIDE OF  
ROAD TO BITBURG (L-1353) WEST TO HOSCHEIRERDICT (P-8258) SOUTH  
ALONG WEST SIDE OF ROAD TO TXXX TXXX ETTERLBRUCK (P-8248), 12 A/C  
FLIGHTS TO BE DISPATCHED AT ONE HOUR INTERVALS BEGINNING AT FIRST  
LIGHT.

H. MISSION SRN-1, 406 GP LOADS 4 A/C NAPALM, 4 A/C 3X500 AND 4  
A/C NO BOMBS AND ROCKETS AS AVAILABLE AND SUPPORTS UNITS OF VIII  
CORPS, CONTACT ~~XXXXXXXX~~ BLENDWELL VIC P-2225, 12 A/C TO BE  
DISPATCHED AT ONE HOUR INTERVALS BEGINNING AT FIRST  
LIGHT.

R. NORMAL

5. FIGHTER RECAL YANKEE DOODLE

X. ~~XXXXXXXX~~ COLUMNS OF M/T AND ARMOR THAT INLUXXX INCLUDE BOTH GERMAN AND  
AMERICAN MAY BE ASSUMED TO BE ENEMY AND WILL BE ATTACKED.

FLIGHTS ~~XXXX~~ OPERATING IN THE TRIER AREA WILL PAY PARTICULAR  
ATTENTION TO AREA BORDERED ON THE EAST BY SAAR RIVE, ON THE WEST  
THE MOSELLE RIVER AND OUR FRONT LINES ON THE SOUTH.

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CC UNDER 3. D. MISSION W51-2, IN THE 3RD LINE IT SHOULD BE

(1) AREA BOUNDED BY FOLLOWING COORDINATES: P8689 - P8763 - L1073 -

AS PLS

CC IN THE 3RD LINE IN THE BEGINNING OF TEXT SHOULD BE JOIN LARGER

UNIT IN ST ~~XXXXXXXX~~ HUBERT RPT HUBERT

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PNJ B B

JPS R.....

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JI.B..... 291855- A CEN KKK

IMI LINE ABOVE PARA 1

IME LAST WORD 5TH LINE OF TEST

IME UNDER XII CORPS LAST WORDS IN LINES 5 & 6

IMI LAST WORD IN PARA 3.C KKKK

5TH LINE IN PARA 1, LAST GP SHOULD NAMUR RPT NAMUR

TIC IN THE LAST GROUP UNDER XII CORPS 5 - 6

LINES LAST GP SHOULD BE CXXXX~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

CCA IN 10TH

IN THE 6TH LINE SHOULD BE P8339 - RPT P-88/// P8339 -

OK ? NO TIC

OK LAST WORD IN PARA 3.C KKK

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FROM HQ XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND 281025A

TO: CG THIRD US ARMY  
 CG III CORPS (ATTN: G-3 AIR)  
 CG VIII CORPS (ATTN: G-3 AIR)  
 CG XII CORPS (ATTN: G-3 AIR)  
 CG 100TH FIGHTER WING  
 CO'S 354, 362, 361, 365, 367, 368, 405, AND 406 FIGHTER GPS.  
 CO, FIGHTER CONTROL CENTER  
 CO, F.D. P. 'S NO. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 ~~XXXX~~ AND 7.

INFORMATION COPIES TO:

CG THIRD US ARMY TAC (ATTN: LT. COL. MURRAY)  
 CG, 64TH FIGHTERWING, CONTROL CENTER NO. 2.  
 CG, XII TAC  
 CG, NINTH AIR FORCE ADV.  
 CG, IX TAC (BY COURIER)  
 CG, XIX TAC (REAR) (ATTN: COL. THOMPSON)  
 CG, XXIX TAC (BY COURIER)  
 CO, 10TH PHOTO GP.  
 CO, 155TH NIGHT PHOTO SQDN  
 SPITFIRE X-RAY (ATTN: COL BROWNE)

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SECRET SEND IN CLEAR BY TELETYPE AUTHORITY: CAPT. CHAPMAN.

HQ, XIX TAC

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AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 150

CHANGE PARAGRAPH "F" TO READ -  
 MISSION W51-4: 368 GP LOADS ALL A<sub>2</sub>C 3X500 AND ROCKETS AS FAR AS  
 AVAILABLE AND CONDUCTS ARMED RECCES AND ATTACKS TARGETS OF  
 OPPORTUNITY IN THE BREAK-THROUGH AREA: P-5575 TO L-0879 TO L-1353.  
 CONTACT RIPS AW ON CHARLIE CHANNEL FOR TAJ35

XXXXXXXX TARGETS REPORTED BY  
 TAC/R. SQDNS TO BE DISPATCHED AT 1 HOUR INTERVALS XXXXXXXX INTERVALS  
 BEGINNING AT FIRST LIGHT.

ADD TO PARAGRAPH "X" THE FOLLOWING -  
 RECENTLY THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL INSTANCES OF FRIENDLY A<sub>2</sub>C ATTACKING  
 OUR OWN TROOPS. FXXXXXX GLO'S MUST INSURE THAT PILOTS ARE THOROUGHLY  
 FAMILIAR WITH FORWARD POSITIONS OF FRIENDLY TROOPS. WHEN DIRECTED  
 TO OPERATE NORTH OF THE 3RD ARMY BOUNDARY, FLIGHT LEADERS  
 WILL CONTACT "SWEEPSTAKES" ON CHARLIE CHANNEL.

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OPFLASH

Opflash No. 1 Site 68 Date 27 Dec Given To: Major H. G. Gandy  
 A. O.C.# W 51-4 Hour 1615  
 Target Amud N. Road  
 B. Group No. 368 396 No. A/C Dispatched 12  
 No. Abortives 2-2 Much  
 C. T/U 1330 T.O.T. 1445-1415-1450 T/D 1525  
 D. Our A/C Casualties  
 Enemy A/C Destroyed \_\_\_\_\_ Probable \_\_\_\_\_ Damaged \_\_\_\_\_  
 Personnel Killed \_\_\_\_\_ Wounded \_\_\_\_\_ Missing \_\_\_\_\_  
 E. Results-  
 Bombs Loaded and Fusing 2 x 2 x 500 GP 1/2 1/2  
10 x 3 x 500 GP 1/2 1/2 A/C Escort \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bombs in Target Area 29 Jettisoned \_\_\_\_\_ Returned 5 by radio

Crossroads P 915 877 - 15 to 20 MIT's  
 in vicinity of ST with  
 - Claim 15 MIT des  
 Hit <sup>small</sup> ~~3~~ roads well hit -

F. Enemy Aircraft \_\_\_\_\_  
 FIAC: P 9090 - H. J. T. Fair etc  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

G. VITAL INFORMATION:  
ST with heavy shelled -  
Scattered MIT on roads going into ST with

H. WEATHER: C HVV. Heavy on ground

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- A. Mission Number W 51-4 27 Dec. 1944
- B. 396th Str. Sq. Dispatched 12 P-47's led by Maj. Crisp.  
2 P-47's aborted because of mechanical trouble.
- C. Take-off at 1330 TOT 1415  
Landed at 1825
- D. Nil
- E. 10 x 3 x 500 lb. GP bombs (1/10 x 1/40 fusing) were loaded.  
2 x 2 x 500 lb. GP bombs " " " " "  
29 x 500 lb. GP bombs on CR at P-915877.  
5 x 500 lb. GP bombs were returned to base.
- Bombing results were generally very good.  
Hits were observed all along 3 roads that branch out from  
P-915877
- F. Heavy, intense, fairly accurate flak at P-9090.
- G. Tactical Observations Were:  
St. Vith being shelled - scattered M/T on roads leading into  
St. Vith.
- H. Weather: CAVU; Haze on ground.

*Franklin A. Dick*  
FRANKLIN A. DICK,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
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OFFLASH

Opflash No. 2 Site 68 Date 27 Dec Given To: 1st Lt  
 A. O.C.# W51-4 Hour \_\_\_\_\_  
 Target Hundred / 1000  
 B. Group No. 368 395 No. A/C Dispatched 12  
 No. Abortives \_\_\_\_\_  
 C. T/U 1320 T.O.T. 2350-1410-1440 T/V 1530  
 D. Our A/C Casualties 1 CABRE - Flak  
 Enemy A/C Destroyed \_\_\_\_\_ Probable \_\_\_\_\_ Damaged \_\_\_\_\_  
 Personnel Killed \_\_\_\_\_ Wounded \_\_\_\_\_ Missions \_\_\_\_\_  
 E. Results-  
 Bombs Loaded and Fusing 27 3 x 500 OP A/C Escort \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bombs in Target Area 27 Jettisoned \_\_\_\_\_ Returned 3

*8 MIT des*  
*3 MIT down*  
*4 tanks down*  
*1 tank des*  
*2 N*

2 x 500 at P291832 - des 2 MIT  
 8 x 500 P805840 - Tank of Braunlauf  
 1 MIT des  
 Many bldgs in Y  
 9 x 500 P838908 - Cause of vehicles - 2 des  
 1 x 500 P838891 - an HR gun - MPO  
 2 x 500 P868905 - Cause of vehicles 2 MIT des  
 3 x 500 P822913 des 1 tank 2 MIT down  
 3 x 500 P862905 - des 1 tank

F. Enemy Aircraft  
 3 x 500 P872908 - MPO - a few vehicles  
 tanks there

FLAK: Stationary - 1 MIT down P838907  
 1 MIT down P8790  
 4 tanks down P874905  
 57 with P8500 - 14 tanks down

G. VITAL INFORMATION:  
 P8791 - 1st herd of acc  
 P8491 - 1st herd - F-100  
 P8491 - many ambulances, through out  
 area - at least 60 ambulances the  
 loading & unloading at a chateau -  
 & other vehicles mixed in with them  
 including jeeps & few half tracks -  
 P 1100 - 1 day - N-Y - east of St. Vittor

H. WEATHER: \_\_\_\_\_

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OPFLASH

Opflash No. 3 Site 68 Date 27 Dec Given To: LT Lewis  
 A. O.C.# W51-4 Hour \_\_\_\_\_  
 Target F/R Breakth Area  
 B. Group No. 368 - 397 No. A/C Dispatched 16  
 No. Abortives \_\_\_\_\_  
 C. T/U 1345 T.O.T. 1415 - 1300 T/T 1610  
 D. Our A/C Casualties 2 5 down (Cockpit)  
 Enemy A/C Destroyed 2 - AC Probable \_\_\_\_\_ Damaged \_\_\_\_\_  
 Personnel Killed \_\_\_\_\_ Wounded \_\_\_\_\_ Missing \_\_\_\_\_  
 E. Results- 4x4 - 54 AR  
 Bombs Loaded and Fusing 8x3x500 40 lbs A/C Escort 3  
 Bombs in Target Area all Jettisoned \_\_\_\_\_ Returned \_\_\_\_\_

(26 bombs) P-8791 (12 - mod) road cut 80 paces  
 P-8996  
 1 M/T det, 1  
 P-9093 4 M/T det 16 M/T down 1 th det 55 M/T det  
 P-9088 2 " " 2 " " 35 M/T down  
 AR P-9081 1 M/T (oil) 1 th det 2 th det  
 P-91085 5 " " 2 1/2 th det  
 P-940883 3 " " 5 " " 1 1/2 th det  
 P-90079 3 " " 5 " " 1 1/2 th det  
 P-90079 3 " " 5 " " 1 1/2 th det  
 P-90079 4 " " 5 " " 1 1/2 th det

F. Enemy Aircraft  
 905887 - 1/2 tank down  
 950880 4 M/T down 4 M/T down 874920 1 M/T down  
 FIAC: P-9089 L, 4th det  
Mud & small am fuel in staging area  
P8187 - 117 - Wk - down

G. VITAL INFORMATION:  
 High traffic NE - EQ St With  
 Red smoke seen on ground at K-870046  
 P-960885 20 web bombs to bombs group N  
 to town of Schomberg at  
 2 P-90079 4  
 Vmberg  
 Could not stop due to terrain  
 Some scatter of vehicles group N  
 out of STV with  
 H. WEATHER: CAVU

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397th Ftr Sqdn S-2 Rot on a Armed Recon, Dive Bombing and Rocket Firing Mission

A- Opns C No. \_\_\_\_\_, Sqdn Miss No, 323 -- 27 Dec 44

Mission No. W51-4 Mission No. for day: ONE -- 27 Dec 44

Armed Recon in the area of Malmedy, St Vith, and Wiltz - Dive Bombing and Rocket Firing.

- B- 397th Ftr Sqdn - 368th Ftr Group - 16 A/C Disp -- No Aborts.
- C- UP: 1345 - Crossed b/line on way in at 1415 - Bombing and rocket firing 1440  
Crossed b/line on way out at 1500 - DOWN: 1610.
- D- 7 A/C damaged by flak or ground fire. - 5 Cat "A" - 2 Cat "AC"
- E- 8 x 3 x 500lb GP bombs 1/10 nose 1/40 tail -- 1 x 2 x 500lb GP bombs 1/10  
nose 1/40 tail -- 4 x 4 x 5" AR Mark 1 Rockets 15/1000 second fixed base fuse  
26 bombs in tgt area -- 2 rockets returned to base -- 3 A/C used as escort --  
26 bombs were dropped in the area of P8791. The road in that area was cut in  
2 places. Two vehicles were destroyed. A cross road was well hit. Since the  
primary objective of the mission was road cutting. The results of the bombing  
can be characterized as very good. Lt Leavoy destroyed one tank with two  
rockets at P 9088. Lt Potter destroyed one oil tank with one rocket at P910885  
Strafing: Major Leary destroyed 3 MT and one tank and damaged 15 MT at P9093  
Lt Uterhart destroyed one MT and damaged 1 MT at P9093. Lt ~~fa~~ Fauley destroyed  
2 MT and damaged 2 MT at P9088. Lt Konesny destroyed 1 MT and damaged 2 MT at  
P940885. Lt's Bender, and Hutcherson destroyed 2 MT at P940910. They destroyed  
2 MT and damaged 4 at P900879. They destroyed one half track at P905887. Lt's  
Egan and Sharp destroyed 4 MT and damaged 4 at P 930880. ~~LEARY~~ Lt Hogan  
damaged 1 MT at P874920. Lt's Hogan and Sharp destroyed 2 MT and damaged 1 at  
P874920. Lt Olden destroyed 10 vehicles at P 952889. Lt Hogan destroyed 2  
vehicles at P 874920. Lt Kalen destroyed 7 vehicles at P952889. Lt Baker  
destroyed 4 vehicles at P952889. Lt Patrick destroyed 7 vehicles P 952889.
- F- Hvy inten very acc AA at St Vith. Light inten acc AA at St Vith.  
Light weak acc AA at P9089.
- G- Much road activity was seen northeast and east of St Vith. Red smoke was seen  
on the ground at K870046. 20 vehicles were seen bumper to bumper at P90885.  
The nature of the terrain was such that an attack on these vehicles was impos-  
sible.
- H- CAVU
- I- Sqdn code not used,
- J- No ground control.

BOMBS THREE EACH:	LEARY	UTERHART	HELLISEN	CLARY
	BENDER	HUTCHERSON	HOGAN	R D SHARP
ESCORT:	OLDEN	BAKER	PATRICK	
BOMBS TWO:				FALEN
ROCKET:	POTTER	KONESNY	FAULEY	LEAVOY

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FROM HQ XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND 260025A  
 TO CG THIRD US ARMY  
 CG XX CORPS (ATTN G-3 AIR )  
 CG. XII CORPS (ATTN: G-3 AIR)  
 CG. III CORPS (ATTN: G-3 AIR)  
 CG. 100TH FIGHTER WING.  
 CO'S. 354, 362, 405, 406 367, 361, 405, 368 FIGHTER GROUPS.  
 CO. FIGHTER CONTROL CENTER.  
 CO'S. F.D.P. NO. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 AND 7

INFORMATION COPIES TO:

CG. 84TH FIGHTER WING, CONTROL CENTER NO. 2  
 CG. XII TAC.  
 CG. NINTH AIR FORCE, ADV.  
 CG. NINTH AIR FORCE, ADV.  
 CG. XIX TAC (REAR  
 (ATTN: COL. THOMPSON)  
 CG. 10TH PHOTO GROUP.  
 CG. 155TH NIGHT PHOTO SQDN.  
 SPITFIRE XRAY (ATTN: COL. BROWNE)  
 CG. THIRD US ARMY, TAC (ATTN: LT. COL. MURRAY)

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HQ. XIX TAC  
 260100A DECEMBER 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 148

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(2) NO CHANGE.

B. (1) THIRD U.S. ARMY CONTINUED ATK N.

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CG. 18TH FIGHTER WING.  
 CO'S. 354, 362, 405, 406 367, 361, 405, 368 FIGHTER GROUPS.  
 CO. FIGHTER CONTROL CENTER.  
 CO'S. F.D.P. NO. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 AND 7

INFORMATION COPIES TO:  
 CG. 64TH FIGHTER WING, CONTROL CENTER NO. 2  
 CG. XII TAC.  
 CG. NINTH AIR FORCE, ADV.  
 CG. NINTH AIR FORCE, ADV.  
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VIII CORPS: 26TH INF DIV (LESS ELMS) CONTINUED RESISTANCE AGAINST ENEMY IN DEADLY FIGHTING, WITH ELMS AT FOLLOWING APPROX LOCATIONS: ELMS 109TH INF - P-1828 -- ELMS 110TH INF -- P-3444 -- ELMS 1122/// 112TH INF - P-4597 -- OTHER ELMS - P-3068 -- P-3952 -- P-7334 P-4397 -- L-0434.

101ST A/B DIV CONTINUES TERRIFIC FIGHTING VIC P-5558 INSIDE ENEMY ARMED RING AROUND BASTOGNE.

5TH ARMD DIV (LESS CCB, FIGHTING IN FIRST U.S. ARMY ZONE) CCA ATKD THROUGH ELMS 10TH ARMD DIV TO LINE P-8239 -- P-8838 -- P-8841 -- P-8942 -- P-9043 -- P-9142. CCR CONTINUES HEAVY FIGHTING INSIDE BASTOGNE RING.

III CORPS: 4TH ARMD DIV (ATCHD: 31ST BCT (-) OF 80TH INF DIV) CONTINUED EXTREMELY HEAVY FIGHTING. CCA DROVE N TO P-5444 -- P-5744. CCB ADVANCED TO P-5251. CCR ASSEMBLED VIC P-4042.

26TH INF DIV (ATCHD: ELMS 26TH INF DIV) RELIEVED CCR/NATH ARMD DIV ON FRONT AND ENGAGED IN MESSAGRE WITH ENEMY, ADVANCING LINES TO P-5950 -- P-5952 -- P-6152 -- P-6158 -- P-6342 -- P-6442 -- P-6543 -- P-6545 -- P-6845 -- P-7146 -- P-7247.

XII CORPS: 10TH ARMD DIV: CCA LAUNCHED NEW SPEARHEAD N TO P-9043 -- P-9142 -- P-9242 -- P-9246 -- P-9138. CCB CONTINUES HEAVY FIGHTING IN BASTOGNE RING. CCR ASSEMBLED VIC IT 5TH INF DIV ADVANCED TO P-9436 -- P-9636 -- P-9837 -- IN BLOODY FIGHTING.

4TH INF DIV ADVANCED TO L-1230. 22ND INF REINFORCED TFR VIC P-9710.

KX COGCS: 90TH INF DIV ORGANIZED DEFENSE IN DEPTH BEHIND FRONT LINES. 357TH INF VIC Q-8983 -- 358TH INF VIC Q-8897;

VIII CORPS: 26TH INF DIV CONTINUES TERRIFIC FIGHTING VIC  
 P-9558 INSIDE ENEMY ARMED RING AROUND BASTOGNE.  
 9TH ARMD DIV (LESS CCR, FIGHTING IN FIRST U.S.  
 ARMY Z): CCA ATKD THROUGH ELMS 10TH ARMD DIV TO LINE  
 P-8239 -- P-8838 -- P-8841 -- P-8942 -- P-9043 --  
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 III CORPS: 4TH ARMD DIV (ATCHD: 318TH RCTC (-) OF 80TH  
 INF DIV) CONTINUED EXTREMELY HEAVY FIGHTING. CCA DROVE N  
 TO P-5444 -- P-5744. CCB ADVANCED TO P-9251. CCR ASSEMBLED  
 VIC P-4042.  
 26TH INF DIV (ATCHD: ELMS 26TH INF DIV) RE-  
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 WITH ENEMY, ADVANCING LINES TO P-5950 -- P-5952 -- P-6152 --  
 P-6150 -- P-6342 -- P-6442 -- P-6543 -- P-6545 -- P-6645 --  
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 FRONT LINES. 357TH INF VIC Q-0983 -- 358TH INF VIC Q-0897;  
 359TH INF VIC Q-1200.

95TH INF DIV CONTINUED FIGHTING IN SAARLAUTERN  
 BRIDGEHEAD. 378TH INF ASSEMBLED VIC Q-1873.

6TH ARMD DIV WAS RELIEVED ON FRONT BY 103RD INF  
 DIV OF XV CORPS AND ASSEMBLED AF FOLLOWS: CCA; Q-0457 -  
 CCB; Q-0760 - CCR; Q-3056.

(2) IX B.C. ATTACKS TARGETS IN GERMANY, XII, IX AND XXIX TAC'S  
 OPERATE IN TACTICAL AREA.

2. THIS COMMAND ESCORTS IX B.C. AND SUPPORTS III, VIII, XII AND XX CORPS  
 AND CONDUCTS ARMED RECCES IN THE TACTICAL AREA.

3. A. MISSION W51-1: 354 GP LOADS EACH SQDN 8 A/C ZWZ/70 3 X 500,  
 8 A/C 3 X 200 FRAGS AND CONDUCTS FOLLOWING ARMED RECCÉ BY SQDNS  
 (1) SAARBRUCHEN - MERZIG - TRIER - LOSHEIM - LABACH.  
 (2) TRIER - BITBURG - UPRONGFELD - PELM - DAUN - COCHEN - WITT-  
 LICH.  
 (3) ECHTERNACH - WAKWEILER - ST. VITH - WILTZ.  
 CONTACT XEHEE "TURPENTINE" ON ARMED RECCÉ NO. 1 VIC Q-1094.  
 TOT: BEGINNING AT FIRST LIGHT.

D. 361 GP WILL ESCORT IX BOMBER COMMAND. DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

C. MISSION ZAR-1: 362 GP LOADS EACH SQDN 8 A/C NAPALM AND 8 A/C  
 3 X 500 AND ROCKETS AND SUPPORTS UNITS OF III CORPS. CONTACT  
 "PINKPIC" VIC P-6222 FOR ASSIGNMENT TO "EGGCCUP" VIC P-5121,  
 "BLUEJACKET" VIC P-6922 OR "IRONCLAD" VIC P-7720. 8 A/C  
 TO BE DISPATCHED AT 20 MINUTE INTERVALS BEGINNING AT FIRST  
 LIGHT.

D. MISSION W51-2: 365 GP LOADS ALL A/C 3 X 500 AND CONDUCTS  
 ARMED RECCES BY SQDNS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:  
 (1) STAVELOT K-7101 - MALMEDY K-7914 - DULLANGE K-9502 - HELL-  
 ENTHAP F-0811 - SCHLEIDER F-1115 - GEMUND F-1220 - ZULPICH  
 F-2333 - FUSKIRCHEN F-3330 - SCHONAU F-3213 - STADTKYLL L-1495 -  
 BULANGE K-9503.

(2) VIELSALM P-7089 - ST. VITH P-8588 - STADTKYLL L-1495 -  
 DANGENHEIM F-2305 - DORSET L-3398 - SCHULO F-4006  
 ADENAU L-4396 - KILBURG - L-4268 - PELM L-2502 - PRUN L-0679 -  
 PRONSFELD L-0674.

(3) DIEKIRCH P-0742 - VIANDEN P-9049 - WAKWEILER L-0267 -  
 KYLLBURG L-1861 - DAUN L-3578 - ULMEN L-4679 - COCHEN L-5972 -

ENTREP F-2011 - SCHLEIBER F-2112 - ...  
 F-2333 - FUSCHIRCHEN F-3330 - SCHONAH F-3313 - STADTKYLL L-1495 -  
 BULANKE K-9503.

(2) VIELSALM P-7009 - ST. VITH P-8288 - STADTKYLL L-1495 -  
 BARKENHEIM F-2302 - DORSET L-3396 - SCHILO F-4006  
 ADEMAU L-4398 - WELBURG - L-4288 - PELM L-2582 - PRUM L-0679 -  
 PRONSFELD L-0674.

(3) BIEKIRCH P-8742 - VIANDEN P-9049 - WAXWEILER L-0267 -  
 KYLLBURG L-1861 - DAUN L-3578 - ULMEN L-4679 - COCHEN L-5972 -  
 WITTLICH L-3994 - SPEICHER L-3149.

CONTACT "RIPSAW" ON CHARLIE CHANNEL.

TOT: AT FIRST LIGHT.

REPEAT UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED.

E. MISSION W51-3: 2 SQDNS 367 GP LOAD ALL A/C 2 X 500 AND CONDUCTS  
 ARMED RECCE BY SQDNS IN THE FOLLOWING AREA:

(1) BITBURG L-1353 - PELM L-2582 - DAUN L-3578 - MAYEN L-6392 -  
 ANDERNACH F-7684 - KOBLENZ - COCHEN L-5971 - TRIER.

(2) TRIER L-2129 - WITTLICH L-3994 - COCHEN L-5972 - KOBLENZ -  
 BOPPARD L-9081 - SIMMERN L-8554 - HERMESKEIL L-4317 - NDR  
 ZERF L-2412 - TREXXXXX TRIER. CONTACT RIPSAW ON CHARLIE CHANNEL.  
 TOT. AT FIRST LIGHT. REPEAT MISSION UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED.

F. MISSION ZAR-2: 1 SQDN 367 GP LOAD 2 X 1000 FUSED AT G.L.D. AND  
 ATTACK DEFENDED TOWN OF BOURSCHIED (P-8047). TOT AT FIRST LIGHT.  
 THEN CONDUCT ARMED RECCE IN AREA VIEDXXXXXX VIENDEN - CLERVAUX-  
 BASTONGNE.

G. MISSION W51-4: 368 GP LOADS ALL A/C 3 X 500 AND ROCKETS AS FAR  
 AS AVAILABLE AND CONDUCTS ARMED RECCE AND ATTACKS TRXXXXX TARGET  
 XXXXXX ATTACKS TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY IN THE BREAKTHROUGH AREA:  
 NALMEDY - ST. VITH - WILTZ BASTONGNE - ST. HUBERT. CONTACT  
 "RIPSAW" ON CHARLIE CHANNEL FOR TARGETS REPORTED BY TA:XXXXX TAC/2  
 SQDNS TO BE DISPATCHED FOR TARGETS REPORTED BY TA:XXXXX TAC/2  
 BEGINNING AT FIRST LIGHT.

H. MISSION FEL-1: 405 GP LOADS EACH SQDN 4 A/C NAPALM, 8 A/C 2 X  
 3 X 500 AND 4 A/C 2 X NET FRAGS AND SUPPORTS UNITS OF XII CORPS.  
 CONTACT "FLABBY" VIC LUXENBOURG FOR CLEARANCE ON TARGETS IN PRI-  
 MARY TARGET AREA: RIVER LINE ETTELBRUCK (P-8240) TO ECHTERNACH  
 (L-0536) NORTH ALONG EAST SIDE OF ROAD TO BITBURG (L-1353),  
 WEST TO HOSCHERDICT (P-8254) SOUTH ALONG WEST SIDE TO ROAD TO  
 ETTELBRUCK (P-8240). PARTICULAR ATTENTION IS TO BE PAID TO EN-  
 EMY TROOPS AND CONCENTRATIONS ON THE NEAR BRIDGES BETWEEN  
 ETTELBRUCK (P-8240) AND ECHTERNACH (L-0536). BRIDGES MAY BE  
 DESTROYED.

FLIGHTS OF XXXXXX 8 A/C TO BE DISPATCHED AT 20 MINUTE  
 INTERVALS BEGINNING AT FIRST LIGHT.

I. MISSION CWU-1: 406 GP  
 LOADS EACH SQDN 8 A/C NAPALM AND 8 A/C  
 3 X 500 ALSO ROCKETS AS AVAILABLE AND SUPPORTS UNITS OF VIII CORP-  
 PS. CONTACT "BLENDWELL" VIC P-2225. 8 A/C FLIGHTS TO BE DIS-  
 PATCHED AT 20 MINUTE INTERVALS BEGINNING AT FIRST LIGHT.  
 TARGET WOODEN BRIDGE 100 FT LONG AND TRESTLE DET AT P430662.

X. COLUMNS OF M/T AND ARMOR THAT INCLUDE BOTH GERMAN  
 AND AMERICAN VEHICLES MAY BE ASSUMED TO BE ENEMY AND WILL  
 BE ATTACKED.

BLO'S MUST BRIEF ALL PILOTS THOROUGHLY ON NEW THIRD ARMY  
 AREA AND PRESENT ENEMY OPERATIONS.

NO BOMBS WILL BE RETURNED TO BASE IF FLIGHT IS ABLE TO PENE-  
 TRATE INTO ENEMY TERRITORY AT ANY POINT ALONG THE FRONT.  
 FOLLOWING AREAXXXX ARE MOST IMPROTANT AREAS AND MAY BE COVERED  
 BY FLIGHTS OTHER THAN THOSE SPECIFICATELY ORDERED, AS ALTERNATE  
 TARGETS.

(A) PONTOON BRIDGES ALONG SAUER RIVER AT P-997399 - L-020389 -  
 L-048363 - L-068358 - L-110348 - L-090363.

FLIGHTS OPERATING IN THE TRIER AREA WILL PAY PARTICULAR ATTENT-  
 ION TO AREA BORDERED ON THE EAST YXXXXX BY SAAR RIVER, ON THE  
 WEST THE MOSELLE RIVER AND OUR FRONT LINES ON THE SOUTH.

4. NORMAL.

T. UNITS:

THAT INTO BEST TERRITORY  
 FOLLOWING AREAS ARE MOST IMPORTANT AREAS AND MAY BE COVERED  
 BY FLIGHTS OTHER THAN THOSE SPECIFICALLY ORDERED, AS ALTERNATE  
 TARGETS.

(A) PONTOON BRIDGES ALONG SAUER RIVER AT P-997399 - L-828389 -  
 L-848363 - L-868358 - L-118348 - L-898363.

FLIGHTS OPERATING IN THE TRIER AREA WILL PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION  
 TO AREA BORDERED ON THE EAST YXXXXXX BY SAAR RIVER, ON THE  
 WEST THE MOSELLE RIVER AND OUR FRONT LINES ON THE SOUTH.

4. NORMAL.

T. UNITS	R/T C/S	CHANNEL
<u>III CORPS</u>		
4TH ARMD DIV	EGGCUP	DOG
26TH INF DIV	BLUE JACKET	DOG
80TH INF DIV	IRONCLAD	DOG
<u>VIII CORPS:</u>		
9TH ARMD DIV	CASTLEGATE	BAKER
10TH ARMD DIV	MELONJAM	BAKER
<u>XII CORPS:</u>		
4TH INF DIV	ORGAN	BAKER
10TH ARMD DIV	MELONJAM	BAKER
<u>XX CORPS:</u>		
6TH ARMD DIV	LIVER	DIG
90TH INF DIV	CHASEFARM	DOG
95TH INF DIV	GINGERBREAD	DOG
TF POLK	BEECHAT	DOG

FIGHTER RECALL - GOOD CHEER

--- MEYLAND ---

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CC UNDER 5. THE VIII CORPS: SHUD READ AS FOLLOWS  
 VIII CORPS:

9TH ARMD DIV	CASTLEGATE	BAKER
101ST A/C DIV	HEASTRO	BAKER
20TH INF DIV	HOPECRAFT	BAKER

BT  
 UNDER PARA 2 (B) XII CORPS 4TH LINE P-8530 RPT P8530  
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NO XIX TAC  
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ANNEX NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 148

CANCEL RPT CANCEL PARAGRAPH "B"

J. MISSION W51-5: 361 GP WILL CONDUCT FIGHTER SWEEP IN THE  
 FOLLOWING AREAS BY 0000G AT 30 MINUTE INTERVALS.  
 (1) SPEYER - FRANKFURT - LIMBURG - BORN.  
 (2) BORN - GIESSEN - DARMSTADT - SPEYER.  
 (3) SPEYER - FRANKFURT - GIESSEN - BORN.  
 TOT SOON AS WEATHER PERMITS.

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## MISSION REPORT

OPFLASH NO. 1 25 December 1944

O.O. No. W51-4

19th TAC Controller (RIPSAW) Armed Recy Malmedy, ST Vith, Wiltz.

B. 368th 395th 16 P47s

1 P47 LT HAYS Generator out.

C. 1035 1105 1115 1200 1257

D. 1 CAT "AC" 40 mm Flak-Wing.

1 MIA LT G.E. SWINK hit by 88 mm flak and bailed out. Seen to land safely at (P-845870)

E. 4 X 4 X Rockets 5" Mark I AR

9 X 3 X 500 GP 1/10 1/40

3 X 2 X " " " "

2 bombs returned to base.

7 Rockets returned to base.

Squadron contacted Ripsaw who gave them a target at (P-9590), columns of enemy equipment moving West. Target was attacked with bombs, rockets, and strafing. All 31 bombs were laid on the road among the M/Ts and Armored vehicles between (P-9585) and (P-9088) with 12 M/Ts claimed as Destroyed. 1 rocket was fired at a Tank, but missed. 4 Rockets were fired at enemy light AA position, with NRO. STRAFING: LT HAYES 7 M/Ts Des; LT BORTNEY 4 M/Ts Des; @ (P-8885); LT MCCRONE 1 A/V Dam; LT CALDWELL 1 M/T Dam; LT MIDLAM 1 M/T Des; LT SWINK 1 M/T Dam.

TOTAL: 24 Vehicles Des; 3 Dam. The bombs were all reported as being direct hits or very near misses.

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F. LT BARRY observed 12 FW 190s Divebombing friendly columns about 10 miles due South of LIEGE. He attacked, got on the tail of an E/A, but immediately went into a spin because of the flak damage previously suffered in his wing. Just as the E/A closed on GARRY'S tail a squadron of RAF Typhoons joined the fight and chased the E/A off. E/A fired, but got no strikes.

(P-9590) light intense inaccurate  
heavy -weak accurate.

G. 4 or 5 B24s were seen to be shot down by enemy Flak and fighters in area between target and MALMEDY.

Black bursts of 40mm Flak seen exploding at 20-300 feet in Target area.

2 long, white streamers going up to 16,000 feet seen exploding among the B24s with white, white and black, and some pink and yellow bursts.

About 10 irregular contrails seen ascending to 20,000 feet, and arcing Westward between 1045 and 1115 hours from AACHEN area.

H. CAVU hazey stratus at 18,000 feet visibility

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 JIF T JDL  
 ITT T IVE, IUE, ITA, JJT  
 IVR T CO. "B" 555 SIG. AW. BN.  
 XSM T SELF, XOE, XRM  
 JPA T 352 FIGHTER GROUP  
 MEW -- JIO T SELF  
 GPS T SELF

FROM: IX T A C (ADV) OPNS 250122A  
 TO : CG, NINTH USAAF (ADV) (INFO)  
 ACC, 2ND T A F (MAIN) (CO 83 GROUP AND 84 GROUP)  
 CG, IX USAAFBD (INFO)  
 CG, XIX T A C (INFO)  
 CG, XXIX T A C (INFO)  
 CO, 67TH TAC/RCH GP  
 CO, 422ND NIGHT FTR SQDN  
 CO, 64TH AIRDROME SQDN  
 CO'S, 352, 366, 367, 368, 370, AND 474 FTR GPs  
 CO, CO. "B" 555TH SIG AW BN (2 CYS VIA COURIER)  
 CO, CO. "C" 555TH SIG AW BN ( TWX )  
 CO, CO. "F" 555TH SIG AW BN (2 CYS VIA COURIER)  
 ASP OFFICER, VII CORPS  
 ASP OFFICER, V CORPS  
 ASP OFFICER, XVIII CORPS  
 CG IX T A C

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY  
 SECRET -- SEND IN CLEAR BY TELETYPE AUTH: MAJOR HODDY

HQ IX T A C (ADV)  
 24 DECEMBER 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 288

THE FOLLOWING MISSIONS WILL BE PERFORMED AND STATUS EXISTS FOR  
 UNITS OF THIS COMMAND ON 25 DECEMBER 1944.

1. STATUS OF ALERT FLIGHTS:

GROUP	NO OF A/C	SITE
366	4	A-84
370	4	A-78
67	4	A-87

FLIGHTS WILL REMAIN ON A FIVE (5) MINS ALERT FROM OFFICIAL  
 DAYLIGHT TO OFFICIAL DARK.

2. MISSION Y21-1: THREE SQDNS OF 366 GP WILL PERFORM AN ARMED  
 RECCE IN THE AREA OUTLINED IN PARA. X. 1. BOMB LOAD: 16 X 2  
 X 500 LB GP BOMBS FUZED INST. TAKE OFF: SEE PARA. X. 9.

3. MISSION Y21-2: THREE SQDNS OF 474 GP WILL PERFORM AN ARMED  
 RECCE IN THE AREA OUTLINED IN PARA X. 1. BOMB LOAD: 16 X 2 X 500  
 LB GP BOMBS FUZED INST: TAKE OFF: SEE PARA. X. 9.

4. MISSION Y21-3: THREE SQDNS OF THE 370 GP WILL PERFORM AN  
 ARMED RECCE IN AN AREA BOUNDED BY GIVET AT O-925745 EAST ALONG  
 THE FIRST AND THIRD ARMY BOUNDARY TO GOUVY AT P-720779 ON THE  
 SOUTH AND A LINE PARALLEL TO THAT 15 MILES TO THE NORTH.  
 ALL SECONDARY ROADS IN THAT AREA WILL BE PATROLLED  
 PARTICULARLY WELL. ALL MOVEMENT WILL BE (RPT) WILL BE  
 POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED AS ENEMY BEFORE BEING ATTACKED. SQDNS  
 WILL CHECK IN WITH "ABTIDE" SECOND ARMORED DIVISION ON "D" (DOG)

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GROUP	NO OF A/C	SITE
366	4	A-54
378	4	A-78
67	4	A-67

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4. MISSION Y21-3: THREE SQDNS OF THE 378 GP WILL PERFORM AN ARMED RECCE IN AN AREA BOUNDED BY GIVET AT O-925745 EAST ALONG THE FIRST AND THIRD ARMY BOUNDARY TO GOUVY AT P-728779 ON THE SOUTH AND A LINE PARALLEL TO THAT 15 MILES TO THE NORTH. ALL SECONDARY ROADS IN THAT AREA WILL BE PATROLLED PARTICULARLY WELL. ALL MOVEMENT WILL BE (CRPT) WILL BE POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED AS ENEMY BEFORE BEING ATTACKED. SQDNS WILL CHECK IN WITH "ABTIDE" SECOND ARMORED DIVISION ON "D" (DOG) CHANNEL THEN SWITCH TO "A" (ABLE) CHANNEL FOR POSSIBLE GROUND TARGETS. SQDNS WILL NOT ATTACK OR ACCEPT TARGETS FROM GROUND STATIONS UNLESS TARGETS CAN BE DEFINITELY SEEN AND IDENTIFIED. THE SECOND ARMORED DIVISION WILL BE ON THE MOVE FROM P-1291 TO P-9583 AND MT ON ROADS IN THIS AREA WILL BE DEFINITELY IDENTIFIED AS ENEMY BEFORE ATTACKING. BOMB LOAD: 2 X 500 LB G.P. FUZED INST. ON ALL A/C. TAKE OFF: SEE PARA. X. 9.

5. THREE SQDNS OF THE 352 FTR GP WILL STAND BY FOR ESCORT TO IX BOMBER DIVISION OPERATIONS: ORDER TO FOLLOW.

X. 1. RECCE AREA FOR MISSIONS Y21-1 AND Y21-2 IS BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING POINTS. GRAND COO AT K-6881, MALMEDY K-7984, BULLIGEN AT K-9582 SOUTHEAST ALONG THE MAIN ROAD TO PRUM AT L-8779 WEST TO BOMB LINE AT GOUVY P-7278 NORTH ALONG BOMB LINE TO GRAND COO AT K-6881. PRIMARY DUTY TO BOMB AND STRAFE ENEMY ROAD AND RAIL TRAFFIC.

2. SQDN LEADERS WILL CHECK IN WITH "SWEEPSTAKES" ON "B" (BAKER) CHANNEL WHEN AIRBORNE TO RECEIVE PROPER CONTROL CHANNEL.

3. FRIENDLY AND ENEMY TROOPS AND VEHICLES ARE THROUGHOUT THE AREA, THEREFORE TARGETS MUST BE DEFINITELY SEEN AND IDENTIFIED (REPEAT) IDENTIFIED BEFORE ATTACKING.

4. MAXIMUM EFFORT WILL BE MAINTAINED BY ALL GROUPS.

5. THERE WILL BE P-47, P-51, SPITFIRE, TYPOON AND TEMPEST A/C WORKING IN THE RECCE AREA.

6. IF WEATHER IS SUCH THAT SQDNS CANNOT OPERATE AT FULL STRENGTH, IT WILL BE THE GP LEADERS DISCRETION AS TO NUMBER OF AIRPLANES THAT CAN OPERATE TO THE BEST ADVANTAGE.

7. GROUPS ARE REMINDED THAT THE G.A.F. WILL NO DOUBT BE OPERATING IN GREAT STRENGTH. ENEMY A/C ATTACKING GROUND TARGETS WILL INVARIABLY HAVE TOP COVER.

8. INTELLIGENCE SOURCES INDICATE THAT GERMANS ARE MARKING THEIR VEHICLES WITH THREE (3) WHITE SPOTS WHICH FROM THE AIR RESEMBLE THE ALLIED WHITE STARS.

9. TAKE OFF FOR FIRST SQDNS WILL BE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER DAYLIGHT FOLLOWED AT ONE (1) HR INTERVALS BY OTHER SQDNS. THERAFTER SQDNS WILL TAKE OFF AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

10. ALL PILOTS WILL HAVE 1/100,000 GRIDDED MAPS OF ENTIRE RECCE AREA AND WILL BE CERTAIN OF NAVIGATION AND LOCATION AT ALL TIMES.

11. FOR MISSIONS Y21-1 AND Y21-2 THE FOLLOWING WILL BE S.O.P. FOR TARGETS IN THEIR AREA: IN EVENT GROUND UNITS HAVE TARGETS TO HIT THEY WILL BE PHONED TO COMBAT OPS. IF TAG.

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5. THERE WILL BE P-47, P-51, SPITFIRE, TYPOON AND TUSNET A/C WORKING IN THE RECCE AREA.

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6. THE FOLLOWING MISSIONS WILL BE PERFORMED BY THE 67TH TAC/RCN GP ON 25 DECEMBER 1944.:

1. THREE MISSION IN "A" AREA BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING COORDINATES: P-9050 TO P-9050 TO P-3060 TO P-2085 TO P-7085 TO P-9080 TO P-9050.

MISSIONS	TOA
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TR/FA/25/1	FIRST LIGHT
" " /2	1200
" " /3	1445

2. THREE MISSION IN "B" AREA BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING COORDINATES: P-9080 TO P-7085 TO K-7000 ALONG FRONT LINE TO F-0030 TO F-2030 TO F-2000 TO P-9080.

MISSIONS	TOA
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TR/FA/25/4	FIRST LIGHT
" " /5	1200
" " /6	1445

3. THREE MISSIONS IN "C" AREA BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING COORDINATES: P-9080 TO F-2000 TO F-2030 TO F-6030 TO P-9080.

MISSIONS	TOA
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TR/FA/25/7	FIRST LIGHT
" " /8	1200
" " /9	1445

4. TWO MISSIONS IN "D" AREA BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING COORDINATES: F-9080 TO A-2407 TO F-3090 TO K-7888 TO F-9080.

MISSIONS ----- TR/TA/25/1 " " " /2 " " " /3	TOA ---- FIRST LIGHT 1200 1445
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4. TWO MISSIONS IN "D" AREA BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING COORDINATES: F-9000 TO A-2407 TO F-3090 TO K-7888 TO F-9000.

MISSIONS ----- TR/9A/25/1 " " " /2	TOA ---- AM PM
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5. TWO MISSIONS IN "E" AREA BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING COORDINATES: K-7888 TO F-3090 TO F-3075 TO K-7169 TO K-7868 TO K-6479 TO K-7888.

MISSIONS ----- TR/9A/25/3 " " " /4	TOA ---- AM PM
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6. TWO MISSIONS IN "F" AREA BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING COORDINATES: K-7169 TO F-3075 TO F-4757 TO F1146.

MISSIONS ----- TR/9A/25/5 " " " /6	TOA ---- AM PM
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7. TWO MISSIONS IN "G" AREA BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING COORDINATES: F-1146 TO F-4757 TO F-6030 TO F-0030 TO F-1146.

MISSIONS ----- TR/9A/25/7 " " " /8	TOA ---- AM PM
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8. FOUR ARTILLERY RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS:

MISSIONS ----- A/V/25/1 " " " /2 " " " /3 A/32/25/1	TOA ---- 1000 1130 1400 1130
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9. ALL MISSIONS WILL OBSERVE FOR ENEMY CONCENTRATIONS OF ARMOR AND INFANTRY, AND ANY ENEMY MOVEMENT THROUGHOUT AREAS. PILOTS TO REPORT LOCATIONS, STRENGTH, COMPOSITION, AND DIRECTION OF MOVEMENT.

10. (A) ALL PILOTS IN "B" AREA WILL CONTACT "COCKSPUR".  
(B) ONE MISSION IN "B" AREA WILL CHECK ROUTE ALONG THE FOLLOWING COORDINATES: HORNFIELD P-9699 TO MODERSCHIED P-9099 TO FAYMONVILLE K-8602 TO THUMONT K-8300 TO STAVELOT K-7201.  
(C) NO. OF A/C AT SQDN CO'S DISCRETION.

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BT 250122A  
AS FOR CK  
CC PARA 4. LINE 8 FIRST TWO WORDS WILL CHCXX CHECK RPT WILL CHECK.  
HAWKINS BBB  
JIO R...A 250440

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JPA R...25/0440A WFN TIC FOR RIBBON PLS  
JJI R...//25/0440A HH KKK

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FROM: HQ IX T A C 251720A  
 TO : HQ IX T A C REAR  
 HQ NINTH AF MAIN  
 HQ XIX T A C (T ALL WINGS & GROUPS)  
 HQ XXIX T A C (T ALL WINGS & GROUPS)  
 HQ 64TH AIRDROME SQDN & 365, 366 3367, 368, 370 & 474 GROUPS  
 HQ 67TH TAC/R GROUP ATTN: MAJOR WETZEL  
 HQ 2ND TAF ATTN: D.I.O.  
 M.E.W. FDP ABLE VIA COURIER

OPSUM 200 FOR PERIOD 1100 HOURS TO 1600 HOURS 25 DECEMBER, 1944  
 PART III

Y21-1. A/R BATTLE AREA. 366 GROUP, 391 SQDN. 12 P-47'S. 0932-0955  
 1055-1117. 1 CAT FLAK. 1 P-47 DEST. FLAK. LOADED 12X2X500 GP  
 1/10 1/40 ALL IN T/G AREA. MARMITE DIRECTED TO STRAFE VEHICULAR  
 TRAFFIC BETWEEN P-915880 AND P-895889 25-30 M/T HEADED INTO  
 ST. VITH, 8 M/T DEST & ALL OTHERS PROB. DEST. TRUCKS EXPLODED AS  
 THEY CARRIED AMMO. ATTACK AT 1005 HRS. IN T/G AREA HIT  
 A HOUSE WHICH EXPLODED WITH LARGE ORANGE FLAMES.

Y21-2. A/R. 474 GROUP, 429 SQDN. 10 P-38'S. 0931-0925-0935-1006.  
 1 A/C DEST. HIT BY 20 MM. AT P-2386, 0930 HRS. LOADED 10X2X500  
 GP INST. 18 BOMBS IN T/G AREA. 2 RET'D BOMBED AND STRAFED P-3561  
 DESTROYING 1 LT. FLAK POS., 1 M/T, 2 ARM. RECCE. VEH. 3 GUN  
 POSITIONS WERE SILENCED AND 3 M/T DAM

W51-3 (UNDER XIX TAC CONTROL) A/R IN TRIER AREA. 367 GROUP,  
 394 SQDN. 11 P-38'S. 2 ABORTS MECH 0835-0915-0940-1030.  
 1 P-38 DEST FLAK L-2278. LOADED 8X2X500 GP INST 1/40. 15  
 IN T/G AREA. 1 RET'D. L-2488 11 BOMBS ON RR INTERSECTIONS,  
 FIVE DIRECT HITS & REST NEAR MISSES; TRACK CUT IN 3 PLACES.  
 AT L-2278 STRAFED 4 HALF TRACKS, 2 PROB. DEST & 2 DAM. ALL  
 HEADED SW AT 0935 HRS.

Y21-3. A/R GIVET ALONG 1ST & THIRD ARMY LINES. 370 GROUP, 401  
 SQDN. 12 P-38'S. 1 MECH ABORT. 1000-1015-1115-1155. LOADED  
 12X2X500 GP INST. 20 IN T/G AREA, 4 RET'D. 4 TIGER TANKS  
 DAM, 1 JEEP & 1 WEAPONS CARRIER DEST, 2 SOLDIERS KILLED AT P-0566.

Y21-2. A/R. BATTLE AREA. 474 GROUP, 430 SQDN. 8 P-38'S.  
 0859-0945-1035-1122. 1 CAT A FLAK. LOADED 8X2X500 GP INST  
 16 IN T/G AREA. DEST 3 TIGER TANKS LEAVING ST. VITH  
 AT P-8589. STRAFED AREA AROUND ST. VITH CLAIMING 7 TRUCKS,  
 3 PERSONNEL CARRIERS, 1 ARMORED CAR & 1 STAFF CAR DEST.  
 DAM 6 TRUCKS & STRAFED 5 OTHER TIGER TANKS WIT  
 LVA S.

Y21-23858L. 3480000VP2 MECH?  
 1 ABORT. 0859-0925-1025-1050. 1 A/C DEST. 1 MISSING; SMALL ARMS  
 0955 HRS L-006738. LOADED 8X2X500 GP INST. 8 IN T/G ARE 8  
 RET'D. SE OF ST. VITH AT TOWN OF PRONSFELD L-006744 5 GERMAN  
 TANKS DEST. BY BOMBING, 6 DIRECT HITS, LEFT THEM BURNING.

W51-3. (UNDER XIX TAC CONTROL) A/R KOBLENZ-EUSKIRCHEN L-8997-F-3330.  
 367 GROUP, 393 SQDN. 13 P-38'S. 392 SQDN. 4 P-38'S. TOTAL 17  
 P-38'S. 0847-1008-1053-1143. 1 MECH ABORT. LOADED  
 11X2X500 GP INST. 1025 TAIL. 22 IN T/G AREA. VECOTED BY  
 RIPS AW TO DORSEL L-3399 WHERE CONCENTRATIONS OF FREIGHT CARS

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1 A/C DEST. HIT BY 20 MM. AT P-2386, 0930 HRS. LOADED 12X2X500 GP INST. 18 BOMBS IN T/G AREA 2 RET'D BOMBED AND STRAFED P-3581 DESTROYING 1 LT. FLAK POS., 1 M/T, 2 ARM. RECCE. VEH. 3 GUN POSITIONS WERE SILENCED AND 3 M/T DAM

W51-3 (UNDER XIX TAC CONTROL) A/R IN TRIER AREA. 367 GROUP, 394 SQDN. 11 P-38'S. 2 ABORTS MECH 0835-0915-0940-1030. 1 P-38 DEST FLAK L-2278. LOADED 8X2X500 GP INST 1/40. 15 IN T/G AREA. 1 RET'D. L-2488 11 BOMBS ON RR INTERSECTIONS. FIVE DIRECT HITS & REST NEAR MISSES; TRACK CUT IN 3 PLACES. AT L-2278 STRAFED 4 HALF TRACKS, 2 PROB. DEST & 2 DAM. ALL HEADED SW AT 0935 HRS.

Y21-3. A/R GIVET ALONG 1ST & THIRD ARMY LINES. 370 GROUP, 401 SQDN. 12 P-38'S. 1 MECH ABORT. 1000-1015-1115-1155. LOADED 12X2X500 GP INST. 20 IN T/G AREA, 4 RET'D. 4 TIGER TANKS DAM, 1 JEEP & 1 WEAPONS CARRIER DEST, 2 SOLDIERS KILLED AT P-0586.

Y21-2. A/R. BATTLE AREA. 474 GROUP, 430 SQDN. 8 P-38'S. 0859-0945-1035-1122. 1 CAT A FLAK. LOADED 8X2X500 GP INST 16 IN T/G AREA. DEST 3 TIGER TANKS LEAVING ST. VITH AT P-0569. STRAFED AREA AROUND ST. VITH CLAIMING 7 TRUCKS, 3 PERSONNEL CARRIERS, 1 ARMORED CAR & 1 STAFF CAR DEST. DAM 6 TRUCKS & STRAFED 5 OTHER TIGER TANKS WIT LWA S.

Y21-2384R.348ABORTSVP2 MESHY  
ABORT. 0859-0925-1025-1050. 1 A/C DEST. 1 MISSING; SMALL ARMS 0955 HRS L-006738; LOADED 8X2X500 GP INST. 8 IN T/G ARE 8 RET'D. SE OF ST. VITH AT TOWN OF PRONSFELD L-006744 5 GERMAN TANKS DEST. BY BOMBING, 6 DIRECT HITS, LEFT THEM BURNING.

W51-3. (UNDER XIX TAC CONTROL) A/R KOBLENZ-EUSKIRCHEN L-0997-P-3330. 367 GROUP, 393 SQDN. 13 P-38'S. 392 SQDN. 4 P-38'S. TOTAL 17 P-38'S. 0847-1000-1033-1143. 1 MECH ABORT. LOADED 12X2X500 GP INST. 1000 TAIL. 20 IN T/G AREA. VECTORED BY WETRAG TO TOWN OF NONHAY WHERE CONCENTRATION OF FREIGHT CARS WITHOUT LOCO WAS ATTACKED. 1 DIRECT HIT & 4 NEAR HITS. DEST 1 CAR. 10 TIGER TANKS CAUSING HISS. HITS WERE MADE ON LEFT BANK NEAR RR TRACKS, CAUSING AVALANCHE TO SLIDE DOWN & COVER CARS.

Y21-1. A/R BATTLE AREA. 366 GROUP, 369 SQDN. 12 P-47'S 1022-1050-1140-1205. LOADED 12X2X500 GP 1/10 1/40. ALL IN T/G AREA, EXCEPT 1 RET'D. VECTORED BY WETRAG TO TOWN OF NONHAY P-5390, WHERE APPROX 20 PLUS TANKS & 50 PLUS VEH. WERE FOUND, HEADING N. PREPARING TO ATTACK BUT AFTER OUR ATTACK, THEY TURNED AROUND AND HEADED SE. BOMBED AND STRAFED, 10 PLUS TANKS DEST, 10 PLUS M/T DEST. NO ESTIMATE COULD BE MADE OF DAMAGE.

Y21-3. A/R GIVET IN BOUNDARY 1ST & 3RD ARMIES. 370 GROUP, 402 SQDN. 12 P-38'S. 1100-1109-1205-1230. LOADED 11X2X500 GP INST. & 1X2X165 GAL NAPALM. 19 GP'S IN T/G AREA 3 GP RET'D. 2 FIRE BOMBS IN T/G

AREA. BOMBED AND STRAFED WOODED AREA MARKED WITH SMOKE BY MURPHY BOUNDED BY P-0784, P-0684, P-0782, STRAFED UNTIL MURPHY CALLED "CEASE FIRE WEARE MOVING IN" RESULTS PARTIALLY NRO, DID OBS. 1 HALF TRACK DEST, 1 TANK DEST. , & 1 M/T DAM.

Y21-4. AREA PATROL VERVIERS, NONCHAU, PRUM. 352 GROUP, 328 SQDN. 20 P-51'S. 1 MECH ABORT 0943-1043-1200-1233. CLAIMS E/A DEST. 10-0-1 (AFW 100'S & 6 ME 100'S DEST, 1 ME 100'S DAM. 2 P-51'S MIA. VECTORED BY SWEEPSTAKES & MARMITE TO SW OF KOBLENZ WHERE COMBAT ENSUED AT L-0090 AT 1130 HRS. 24,000 FT. 2 GROUPS OF 20 EACH E/A ALL ME 100'S. ONE FLIGHT ON RETURN FROM THIS AREA ENGAGED 4 FW 100'S AT K-0060 AT 9000 FT AT 1215 HRS. DESTROYING THEM.

W51-2. A/R BATTLE AREA. 365 GROUP, 380 SQDN. 16 P-47'S. 1020, 1050-1221, 1243. 1 A/C DAM, CAT A, FLAK. LOADED 32X500 GP INST. ALL IN T/G AREA. CONTACTED RIPS AW 5 ON "A" CHANNEL. HAD NO T/G'S. AT L-0963, FOUND SCATTERED M/T'S. CLAIMED 6-2-2. AT P-0678 DEST. 1 ARM. VEH. & 1 M/T.

W51-4. A/R BATTLE AREA. 368 GROUP, 397 SQDN. 16 P-47'S. 1012, 1045-1150, 1246. 1 A/C LOST, FLAK. 5 A/C DAM, FLAK; 4 CAT A & 1 CAT AC. LOADED 34X500 GP 1/10-1/40 & 16 5 AR M-1. BOMBS

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COMBAT ENSUED AT L-8896 AT 1136 HRS. 24,000 FT. 2 GROUPS OF 20 EACH E/A ALL HE 109'S. ONE FLIGHT ON RETURN FROM THIS AREA ENGAGED 4 FW 190'S AT K-8866 AT 9000 FT AT 1215 HRS. DESTROYING THEM.

W51-2. A/R BATTLE AREA. 365 GROUP, 388 SQDN. 16 P-47'S. 1028, 1058-1221, 1243. 1 A/C DAM, CAT A, FLAK. LOADED 32X500 GP INST. ALL IN T/G AREA. CONTACTED RIPSAB 5 ON "A" CHANNEL. HAD NO T/G'S. AT L-8863. FOUND SCATTERED M/T'S. CLAIMED 6-2-2. AT P-8678 DEST. 1 ARM. VEH. & 1 M/T.

W51-4. A/R BATTLE AREA. 365 GROUP, 397 SQDN. 16 P-47'S. 1012, 1028-1138, 1246. 1 A/C LOST, FLAK. 2 A/C DAM, FLAK & CAT A. LOADED 24X500 GP 1/10-1/40 & 16 AR M-1. BOMBS IN T/G AREA. 1 JETT WAVE. RETURNED TO AIR. DIRECTED BY RIPSAB TO GROUP OF 30-40 SCATTERED VEH. IN GENERAL AREA ALONG ROAD AT L-1496. L-1497 AND IN ARE SURROUNDING PINPOINT DROPPED 23 BOMBS GENERALLY NRO DUE TO FLAK BUT DAM. 4 ARMORED VEH. AT L-1496. 2 ARM VEH DEST WITH 10 BOMBS AT BIRGEY, L-2192 BY STRAFING. 16 M/T'S AND 2 ARMORED CARS DEST. 9 M/T'S DAM AT L-1496. ONE M/T WAS LARGE SEMI-TRAILER.

Y21-1. A/R BATTLE AREA. 366 GROUP, 390 SQDN. 8 P-47'S. 1136, 1200-1230, 1353. 1 FE 190 DAM. LOADED 16X500 GP 1/10-1/40. ALL BOMBS JETT. EXEPT TWO RET. ALSO CARRIED 12 ROCKETS. ALL IN T/G AREA. CONTACTED BRIGHTSIDE WHO HAD NOT T/G'S. MET 15 FW 190'S 10 MILES S. OF STAVELOT AT 11,000 FEET. JETT BOMBS AND CHASED E/A. SHORT SKIRMISH AT 1215 HOURS. 2 M/T'S DAM AT P-735000 BY ROCKETS.

Y21-1. A/R IN BATTLE AREA. 366 GROUP, 391 SQDN. 7 P-47'S. 1221, 1240-1315, 1337. 1 A/C DAM, CAT AC, FLAK LOADED GRX500 GP 1/10-1/40. ALL IN T/G AREA EXEPT 1 ON RUNWAY ON TAKEOFF. CONTACTED MARMITE, SENT TO ROAD BET. L-0199 AND F-0304. PILOTS STATE 100-200 VEH. GOING BOTH WAYS ON ROAD, MARMITE. BOMBED & STRAFED TILL AMMO SPENT. 20 M/T DEST. 25 M/T PROB DEST. 4 MED. ARM VEH DEST & 1 TIGER TANK PROB. DEST.

W51-4. A/R IN BATTLE AREA. 368 GROUP, 395 SQDN. 16 P-47'S. 1 ABORT, MCMECH. 1035, 1105-1200, 1243. 1 P-47 LOST TO FLAK. 1 A/C DAM, CAT AC, FLAK. LOADED 24X500 GP 1/10-1/40. & 8X500 GP 1/10-1/40 & 16 AR ROCKETS MARK I. 29 GPS IN T/G AREA. 3 GPS RET'D & 7 ARS RET'D. RIPSAB SENT THEM TO P-9590 WHERE HE REPORTED MANY VEH. IN THAT AREA FOUND LOTS OF M/T'S. GENERALLY MOVING W. FROM P-9791 TO P-9588 TO P-8888. ALL BOMBS DROPPED IN AREA. 12 M/T'S DEST & MANY NOR. FIRED 3 ROCKETS AT AN AA POS. NRO, BUT SILENCED. CLAIM 12 OTHER M/T'S DEST. 2 M/T'S DAM & 1 ARMORED VEH. DAM PILOTS RETURNING HOME ALONE AFTER SUFFERING FLAK DAM. REPORTED 12 FW 190'S S. OF LIEGE AT 1145 HOURS. HE BOUNCED THEM. NO RESULTS.

W51-2. A/R STAVELOT-MALMEDY AREA. 365 GROUP, 387 SQDN. 14 P-47'S. 1044, 1115-1235, 1308. 2 A/C DAM, CAT AC, FLAK & 1 CAT UNKNOWN, E/A. LOADED 25X500 GP INST. ALL IN T/G AREA. RIPSAB 5 DIRECTED SQDN TO ENEMY CONCENTRATIONS AT P-7282, P-7373. OBS. APPROX 10 GROUPS WITH 4 OR 5 M/T'S IN EACH MOVING W AT 1145 WITH SEVERAL MOTORCYCLES IN AREA. BOMBED AND STRAFED CLAIMIN 22-2-4 M/T'S & 4-0-0 ARM. VEH. ONE P-51 AT P-7282 PAINTED SILVER MADE 3 HOSTILE PASSES AT SQDN.

ALERT MISSION. 366 GROUP, 389 SQDN. 4 P-47'S. 1154, 1329. SCRAMBLED ON REPORT OF BOGIES OVER LIEGE. CONTACTED MARMITE. SET TO LIEGE. BOGIES TURNED OUT TO BE TYPHOONS. SENT TO AACHEN-DUREN AREA FOR E/A. NOTHING SEEN. SENT BACK OVER BASE, THEN TO LIEGE. NOTHING SEEN.

W51-4. A/R IN BREAKTHROUGH AREA. 368 GROUP, 396 SQDN. 11 P-47'S. 1100, 1155-1250, 1329. LOADED 30X500 GP 1/10-1/40. 20 BOMBS IN T/G AREA. 10 JETT. AT P-7990. BOGIES CALLED IN. BOMBING FAIR. 8 BOMBS AT P-758881, DEST 2 ARM VEH. 12 BOMBS AT P-743889, 1 ARM VEH DAM. & 4 M/T'S DAM. DIRECTED TO T/G BY RIPSAB 5. 3 M/T'S DEST AT P-718898 BY STRAFING. ARM. VEH. GENERALLY ALONG SIDE OF ROAD. 15 HE 109'S & FW 190'S BOUNCED B-24'S AT P-8070 AT 1245 HOURS.

W51-2. A/R IN VIELSALM, ST. WITH ETC. 365 GROUP, 388 SQDN. 16 P-47'S. 1111, 1141-1315, 1341. 2 A/C DAM, CAT AC, FLAK & 1 CAT E. FLAK CLAIMED 22-2-4

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TO FLAK. 1 A/C DAM, CAT AC, FLAK. 16 AR ROCKETS BOMB 1. 1/10-1/40. 2 SECS GP 1/10-1/40 & 7 ARS RET'D. RIPSAN SENT  
 GPS IN T/G AREA. 3 GPS RET'D & 7 ARS RET'D. IN THAT AREA FOUND  
 THEM TO P-9298 WHERE HE REPORTED MANY VEH. IN THAT AREA FOUND  
 LOTS OF M/T'S. GENERALLY MOVING W. FROM P-9791 TO P-9288 TO  
 P-8888. ALL BOMBS DROPPED IN AREA. 12 M/T'S DEST & MANY NOR.  
 OTHER M/T'S DEST. 2 M/T'S DAM & 1 ARMOR VEH. DAM PILOTS  
 RETURNING HOME ALONE AFTER SUFFERING FLAK DAM. REPORTED  
 12 FW 190'S S. BY LIEGE AT 1140 HOURS. HE BOUNCED  
 NRO. ON TAKEOFF.

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 B-2A'S AT P-8070 AT 1245 HOURS.

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 16 P-47'S. 1111, 1141-1315, 1341. 2 A/C DAM, CAT AC, FLAK  
 1 A/C BY FLAK. CLAIMS: 0-0-2 (FW 190'S). LOADED 32X500 GP.  
 31 IN T/G AREA. 1 FELL OFF ON TAKEOFF. AT L-7482 (BENO)  
 200 PLUS M/T'S AND ARM. VEH. HEADED W. BUT STOPPED WHEN  
 A/C OVERHEAD. DROPPED BOMBS IN AREA WHEN E/A APPEARAD,  
 NRO.

## 67TH TAC/R GROUP

A. 27 MISSIONS.

B. 40 SORTIES - 16 T/R, ALL SUCCESSFUL.  
 2 T/R & P/R, BOTH SUCCESSFUL.  
 8 ARTY/R, ALL SUCCESSFUL.  
 14 P/R, ALL SUCCESFUL

C. 0806 - 1415.

D. NIL.

E. AT P-1060 U/I JET A/C CIRCLING AT 10,000 USING INTERMITTENT  
 POWER. LOST SIGHT OF A/C WHEN POWER WAS TURNED OFF. LAST  
 SEEN HEADED E. AT 1045 HOURS. 10 MILES S. OF DUREN 1 F 6 WAS  
 ATTACKED BY AN ME 109 COMING FROM S. OUT OS GUN. E/A FIRED ONE  
 SHORT BUST. PILOT BROKE. TURNED INTO E/A. E/A CONTINUED NE  
 AFTER PASS (AT 1215 HOURS). AT P-6284 AT 4-5000 FT AT 1120  
 HOURS 3 FW 190'S SEEN GOING EAST.

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 BEGINNING OF THE NEXT : AFTER 50THER TIGER TANKS WITH NO CLEXX CLAIMS.

Y21-2. A/R. 474 GROUP, 428 SQN 8 P-38'S. 3 ABORTS, 2 MECH. 1 ESCORT.  
 ETC

CC IN 14TH PARA Y21-1. WA LOADED 14X500 IMI 14X500  
 IN SAME PARA AFTER ON ROAD. ARM VEH. & M/T, MOSTLY M/T. ETC.  
 IN LAST PARA BEFORE 67TH TAC W51-2. AT END OF PARA  
 A/C OVERHEAD. DROPPED BOMBS IN AREA WHEN E/A APPEARAD, NRO.

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FROM HQ XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND (ADV) 250200A  
 TO CG THIRD US ARMY  
 CG XX CORPS (ATTN: G-3 AIR)  
 CG XII CORPS (ATTN: G-3 AOR)  
 CG III CORPS (ATTN: G-3 AIR)  
 CG 100TH FIGHTER WING  
 CO'S 354 362 405 406 367 361 365 366 FIGHTER GROUPS  
 CO FIGHTER CONTROL CENTER  
 CO'S F.D.P. NO. 1 3 4 5 6 AND 7  
 CG VIII CORPS (ATTN: G-3 AIR)

INFORMATION COPIES TO:-  
 CG 64TH FIGHTER WING, CONTROL CENTER NO. 2  
 CG XII TAC  
 CG NINTH AIR FORCE, ADV.  
 CG XIX TAC (REAR) (ATTN: COL. THOMPSON)  
 CO 10TH PHOTO GROUP  
 CO 155TH NIGHT PHOTO SQDN  
 SPITFIRE XRAY (ATTN: COL. BROWNE)  
 CG THIRD US ARMY, TAC (ATTN: LT. COL. MURRAY)

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HQ XIX TAC  
 250200A DECEMBER 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 147

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 ORTED BY 15 TANKS ATTACKING VIC (P-573559 240300A.

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XII US CORPS ZONE: 4TH US INF DIV REPORTED EN PATROL ACTIVITY VIC  
 OSWEILER (L0633) (P-48) AND DICKWEILER (L0932) NIGHT 23/24 DEC; NO  
 EN TANK OR VEHICULAR MOVEMENT REPORTED DIV ZONE DURING NIGHT.

XX US CORPS ZONE: NO CHANGE REPORTED.

MISC: AA SECTION, HQ 3A, REPORTED FOLLOWING RESULTS EN AIR ACTIVITY  
 ARMY ZONE NIGHT 23/24 DEC: 77 RAIDS BY 98 EN AIRCRAFT; 15 DES, 8  
 PROBABLES; NO DAM TO GROUND INSTALLATIONS. EN CASUALTIES:  
 222400A-232400A: (A) PW PROCESSED 171. (B) ESTIMATED EN KILLED 10  
 (C) ESTIMATED EN (LONG TERM) WOUNDED 1200. (D) EN TANKS DES 18.

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 ELMS AT P-4054, P-3558 AND P-3440.  
 9TH ARMD DIV (LESS ELMS) CONTINUED FIGHTING, WITH ELMS  
 APPROX LOCATIONS: CCA P-26351 CCB P-59761 CCR

CC NINTH AIR FORCE, ADV.  
 CC XIX TAC (REAR) (ATTN: COL. THOMPSON)  
 CC 18TH PHOTO GROUP  
 CC 159TH NIGHT PHOTO SQDN  
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 ELMS AT P-4054, P-5558 AND P-3440.  
 5TH ARMD DIV (LESS ELMS) CONTINUED FIGHTING, WITH ELMS  
 AT FOLLOWING APPR// APPROX LOCATIONS: CCA P-6632; CCB P-5976; CCR  
 P-5465.

101ST A/B DIV CONTINUED FIGHTING INSIDE ENEMY ARMD  
 CIRCLE VIC BASTOGNE (P-3058).

III CORPS: 4TH ARMD DIV ENGAGED ENEMY HEAVILY, CAPTURED WARNACH  
 (P-5542), AND DROVE N TO LINE P-5743-- P-5951-- P-6151-P-6344  
 PP-6440.

26TH INF DIV (ATCHD: ELMS 3RD BN, 109TH INF OF 28TH  
 INF DIV) ADVANCED N TO LINE P-6842-- P-7042-- P-7145-- P-7247.  
 80TH INF DIV ADVANCED N TO LINE P-7549-- P-8146--  
 P-8347-- P-8240.

XII CORPS ATKD N. 10TH ARMD DIV: CCA DROVE N TO LINE P-9635--  
 L-0039-- L-0034-- AND TO LINE L-0232-- ~~XXXXXX~~ L-0335-- L-0435--  
 L-0332. CCB CONTINUES FIGHTING VIC P-5554 INSIDE ENEMY ARMD RING  
 AROUND BASTOGNE.

4TH INF DIV (ATCHD: 10TH INF OF 5TH INF DIV);  
 ELMS 12TH INF FIGHTING IN ECHTERNACH (L-0535) SURROUNDED BY ENEMY.  
 TFR ASGD RESPONSIBILITY FOR CORPS FRONT FROM  
 L-0823 TO L-0106.

TF FICKEIT ( 6TH CAV GP REINF) ASGD XII CORPS.

XX CORPS: 90TH INF DIV COMPLETED RELIEF 3RD CAV GP (INCL TF POLK)  
 ON FRONT.

95TH INF DIV CONTINUED FIGHTING IN SAARLAUTERN BRIDGEHEAD.  
 6TH ARMD DIV: CCA ASSEMBLED VIC METZ.  
 35TH INF DIV ATCHD XX CORPS VIC METZ.

(2) IX B.C. ATTACKS TARGETS IN GERMANY, XII, IX, AND XXIX TAC'S  
 OPERATE IN TACTICAL AREA.

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 VIII CORPS: 26TH INF DIV (LESS ELMS) CONTINUED TO RESIST ENEMY WITH  
 ELMS AT P-3455, P-3995 AND P-3448.  
 26TH ARMD DIV (LESS ELMS) CONTINUED FIGHTING, WITH ELMS  
 AT FOLLOWING AER// APPROX LOCATIONS: P-3455, P-3995, P-3448, CCR  
 P-3465.

101ST A/B DIV CONTINUED FIGHTING INSIDE ENEMY ARMD  
 CIRCLE VIC BASTOGNE (P-3558).

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 ON FRONT.

99TH INF DIV CONTINUED FIGHTING IN SAARLAUTERN BRIDGEHEAD.  
 6TH ARMD DIV: CCA ASSEMBLED VIC METZ.  
 39TH INF DIV ATCHD XX CORPS VIC METZ.

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 OPERATE IN TACTICAL AREA.

2. THIS COMMAND ESCORTS IX B.C. AND SUPPORTS III, VIII, XII AND XX CORPS  
 AND CONDUCTS ARMED RECCES IN THE TACTICAL AREA.

3. A. MISSION W51-1: 354 GP LOADS EACH SQDN 8 A/C 3X500 8 A/C 3X260 FRAGS  
 AND CONDUCTS FOLLOWING ARMED RECCE BY SQDNS:  
 (1) SAARBRUCKEN- MERZIG- D// TRIER- O// LOSHEIM- LEDACH.  
 (2) TRIER- BITBURG- PRONSFELD- PELM- DAUN- COCHEM- WITTLICH.  
 (3) ECHTERNACH- WAXWEILER- ST. VITH- WILTZ.  
 CONTACT "TURPENTINE" ON ARMED RECCE NO. 1 VIC Q-1094.  
 TOT BEGINNING AT FIRST LIGHT.

B. 361 GROUP WILL ESCORT IX BOMBER COMMAND. DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

C. MISSION D/ RDV-1: 362 GP LOADS EACH SQDN 8 A/C NAPALM AND 8 A/C  
 3X500 AND ROCKETS AND SUPPORTS UNITS OF III CORPS. CONTACT "PINKPIG"  
 VIC P-6222 FOR ASSIGNMENT TO "EGGCUP" VIC P-5121, "BLUEJACKET"  
 VIC P-6922 OR "IRONCLAD" VIC P-7720. 8 A/C TO BE DISPATCHED AT 20  
 MINUTE INTERVALS BEGINNING AT FIRST LIGHT.

D. MISSION W51-2: 365 GP LOADS ALL A/C 3X500 AND CONDUCTS ARMED RECCES  
 BY SQDNS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:-

(1) STAVELOT K-7101- WALLEDY K-7014- BULLANGE K-9502- HELLENTHAL  
 F-0611- SN SCHLEIDER F-1115- REHMER F-1220- ZULPICH F-2333-  
 EUSKIRCHEN F-3330- SCHONAN F-3215- STADTKYLL L-1495- BULANGE  
 K9503.

(2) VIELSALM P-7089- ST. VITH P-8586- STADTKYLL L-1495- BANKENHEIM  
 F-2305- DORSET L-3398- SCHULO F-4006- ADENAU L-4398- KELBURG  
 L-4288- PELM L-2582- PRUM L-0679- PRONSFELD L-0074.

(3) DIEKIRCHP-8742- VIANDEN P-9049- WAXWEILER L-0267- KYLLBURG  
 L-1861- DUAN L-3578- VLLEN L-4679- COCHEM L-5972- WITTLICH  
 L-3954- SPEICHER L-2149.

CONTACT "RIPSAU" ON CHARLIE CHANNEL.

TOT: AT FIRST LIGHT.

TURN AROUND MISSION WILL BE ASSIGNED LATER.

E. MISSION W51-3: 367 GP LOAD ALL A/C 2X500 AND CONDUCTS ARMED RECCES  
 BY SQDNS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:-

(1) BITBURG L-1353- PEIM L-2582- DUAN L-3578- HAYEN L-6392- ANDERNHE  
 F-7604- KOBLENZ- COCHEM L-5971- TRIER.

(2) TRIER L-2129- WITTLICH L-3954- COCHEM L-5972- KOBLENZ - BK///  
 BOFFARD L-0001- SIEBEN L-0000- HENNEWEL L-4317- NDR ZENT L-0010-

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3X500 AND ROCKETS AND SUPPORTS UNITS OF XII CORPS. CONTACT ?"FLABBY"  
VIC P-6222 FOR ASSIGNMENT TO "EGGUP" VIC P-8121. "BLUEJACKET"  
VIC P-6922 OR "IRONCLAD" VIC P-7726. 8 A/C TO BE DISPATCHED AT 30  
MINUTE INTERVALS BEGINNING AT FIRST LIGHT.

D. MISSION W51-21 345 GP LOADS ALL A/C 3X500 AND CONDUCTS ARMED RECCE  
BY SQDNS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:-

(1) STAVELOT K-7181- MALMEDY K-7814- BULLANGE K-9582- HELLENTHAL  
L-2811- KH SCHLEIDER F-1114- ~~XXXXXXXX~~ F-1200- ZUPPICH F-2833-  
~~XXXXXXXX~~ F-3313- STADTKVLL L-1495- BULANGE  
K9585.

(2) VIELSALM P-7888- ST. VITH P-8388- STADTKVLL L-1495- BANKENHEIM  
F-2385- DORSET L-3398- SCHULO F-4806- ADENAU L-4398- KELBURG  
L-4288- PELM L-2882- PRUM L-0679- PRONSFELD L-8874.

(3) DIEKIRCHP-6742- VIANDEN P-9849- WAKWEILER L-8267- KYLLBURG  
L-1861- DUAN L-3578- VLMEN L-4679- COCHEN L-5972- WITTLICH  
L-3954- SPEICHER L-2149.

CONTACT "RIPSAU" ON CHARLIE CHANNEL.

TOT: AT FIRST LIGHT.

TURN AROUND MISSION WILL BE ASSIGNED LATER.

E. MISSION W51-31 367 GP LOAD ALL A/C 2X500 AND CONDUCTS ARMED RECCE  
BY SQDNS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS

(1) BITBURG L-1353- PELM L-2882- DUAN L-3578- MAYEN L-6392- ANDERNACH  
F-7604- KOBLENZ- COCHEN L-5971- TRIER.

(2) TRIER L-8129- WITTLICH L-3954- COCHEN L-5972- KOBLENZ - BK///  
BOFFARD L-9881- SINNERN L-8994- HERMESKEIL L-4317- NDR ZERF L-2412-  
TRIER.

(3) EUSKIRCHEN- SINZIG- KOBLENZ- COCHEM- DORSEL.

CONTACT RIPSAU ON CHARLIE CHANNEL. TOT AT FIRST LIGHT. SECOND  
MISSION WILL BE ASSIGNED LATER.

F. MISSION W51-41 368 GP LOADS ALL A/C 3X500 AND ROCKETS AS FAR AS  
AVAILABLE AND CONDUCTS ARMED RECCE AND ATTACKS TARGETS OF OPPOR-  
TUNITY IN THE BREAK THROUGH AREA: MALMEDY- ST. VITH- WILTZ- BASTOGNE  
ST. HUBERT. CONTACT RIPSAU ON CHARLIE CHANNEL FOR TARGETS REPORTED  
BY TAC/ R. SQDNS TO BE DISPATCHED AT 30 MINUTE INTERVALS BEGINNING  
AT FIRST LIGHT.

G. MISSION JXK-11 405 GP LOADS EACH SQDN 4 A/C NAPALM, 8 A/C 3X500 AND  
A A/C 2XM27 FRAGS AND SUPPORTS UNITS OF XII CORPS. CONTACT ?"FLABBY"  
VIC LUXEMBOURG FOR CLEARANCE ON TARGETS IN PRIMARY TARGET AREA ;  
RIVER LINE ETTERLBRUCK (P-8240) TO ECHTERNACH (L-8536) NORTH  
ALONG EAST SIDE OF ~~XXXXXX~~ ROAD TO BITTBURG (L-1353), WEST TO  
HOSCHIEDERDICT (P-8254) SOUTH ALONG WEST SIDE TO ROAD TO  
ETTERLBRUCK ~~KENDXXXXXXXX~~ (P-8240). PARTICULAR ATTENTION IS TO  
BE PAID TO ENEMY TROOPS AND CONCENTRATIONS ON AND NEAR BRIDGES  
BETWEEN ETTELBRUCK (P-8240) AND ECHTERNACH (L-8536). BRIDGES MAY  
BE DESTROYED.

FLIGHTS OF 8 A/C TO BE DISPATCHED AT 20 MINUTE INTERVALS BE-  
GINNING AT FIRST LIGHT.

H. MISSION KRD-11 406 GP LOADS EACH SQDN 8 A/C NAPALM AND 8 A/C  
3X500 ALSO ROCKETS AS AVAILABLE AND SUPPORTS UNITS OF VIII CORPS.  
CONTACT "BLENDWELL" VIC P-2225. 8 A/C FLIGHTS TO BE DISPATCHED AT  
20 MINUTE INTERVALS BEGINNING AT FIRST LIGHT.

I. COLUMNS ON MAT AND ARMOR THAT INCLUDE BOTH GERMAN AND AMERICAN  
VEHICLES MAY BE ASSESSED TO BE ENEMY AND WILL BE ATTACKED.

GLO'S MUST BRIEF ALL PILOTS THOROUGHLY ON NEW THIRD ARMY AREA AND  
PRESENT ENEMY OPERATIONS.

NO BOMBS WILL BE RETURNED TO BASE IF FLIGHT IS ABLE TO PENETRATE  
TXXX INTO ENEMY TERRITORY AT ANY POINT ALONG THE FRONT.  
FOLLOWING ARE MOST IMPORTANT AREAS AND MAY BE COM// COVERED BY  
FLIGHTS, OTHER THAN THOSE SPECIFICATELY ORDERED, AS ALTERNATE  
TARGETS.

(A) PONTOON BRIDGES ALONG SAUER RIVER AT P-897399- L-426389-  
L-848363 - L-868338- L-118348- L-896363.

FLIGHTS OPERATING IN THE TRIER AREA WILL PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION  
TO AREA BORDERED ON THE EAST BY SAAR RIVER, ON THE WEST THE MOSELLE  
RIVER AND OUR FRONT LINES ON THE SOUTH.

CONCENTRATION OF ARTY, ARMOR, TRUCKS (P-7578). MANY TANKS PARKED  
AROUND UNDER EAVES OF HOUSES.

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NO MISSION END-IT 800 GP LOADS EACH 900N 8 A/C WAPALN AND 2 A/C  
 5000 ALSO ROCKETS AS AVAILABLE AND SUPPORTS UNITS OF VIII CORPS.  
 CONTACT "BLENDWELL" VIC P-2225. 8 A/C FLIGHTS TO BE DISPATCHED AT  
 20 MINUTE INTERVALS BEGINNING AT FIRST LIGHT.

1. COLUMNS ON MAT AND ARMOR THAT INCLUDE BOTH GERMAN AND AMERICAN  
 VEHICLES MAY BE ASSUMED TO BE ENEMY AND WILL BE ATTACKED.

GLO'S MUST BRIEF ALL PILOTS THOROUGHLY ON NEW THIRD ARMY AREA AND  
 PRESENT ENEMY OPERATIONS.

NO BOMBS WILL BE RETURNED TO BASE IF FLIGHT IS ABLE TO PENETRATE  
 INTO ENEMY TERRITORY AT ANY POINT ALONG THE FRONT.  
 FOLLOWING ARE MOST IMPORTANT AREAS AND MAY BE COM// COVERED BY  
 FLIGHTS, OTHER THAN THOSE SPECIFICATELY ORDERED, AS ALTERNATE  
 TARGETS.

(A) PONTOON BRIDGES ALONG SAUER RIVER AT P-997399- L-020349-  
 L-048363 - L-068356- L-116348- L-098363.

FLIGHTS OPERATING IN THE THIRD ARMY WILL PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION  
 TO AREA BORDERED ON THE EAST BY SAUER RIVER, ON THE WEST THE MOSELLE  
 RIVER AND OUR FRONT LINES ON THE SOUTH.

CONCENTRATION OF ARTY, ARMOR, TRUCKS (P-7970). MANY TANKS PARKED  
 AROUND UNDER EAVES OF HOUSES.

4. NORMAL.

5. UNIT

	R/T C/S	CHANNEL
<u>III CORPS</u>		
4TH ARMD DIV	EGGCUP	DOG
26TH INF DIV	BLUE JACKET	DOG
60TH INF DIV	IRONCLAD	DOG
<u>VIII CORPS</u>		
9TH ARMD DIV	CASTLEGATE	BAKER
101ST A/B DIV	MAESTRO	BAKER
26TH INF DIV	HOPCRAFT	BAKER
<u>XII CORPS</u>		
4TH INF DIV	ORGAN	BAKER
10TH ARMD DIV	MELONJAM	BAKER
<u>XX CORPS</u>		
6TH ARMD DIV	LIVER	DOG
90TH INF DIV	CHASEFARM	DOG
95TH INF DIV	GINGERBREAD	DOG
TF POLK	BEESHAT	DOG

FIGHTER RECALL- BIG DAY

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BT 250200A

AS FOR CK PLS

CC IN 3. E. (1) LAST WORD IN NDXXX 2ND LINE IS ANDERNACH IMI ANDRNACH  
 UNDER FO NO 147

1. A: (1) ESTIMATED EN KILLED 1500. IMI 1500.

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JPS R.....IMI AFTER PENETRATE IN X. IS IT INTO ENEMY TERRITORY K

RITE K

JPS R.....25/0615A JHS KKKK

JJI T JKE R.....25/0615A HH KK

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Prisaw #5 ~~F-7842~~  
~~D-7288~~ - 6 Tanks + M/T  
~~1188~~

2 Tanks dest.

M/Ts in clearing dest.

Saw ~~HW~~ W190 straight in.

B-24: attacked

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327th FS 3-2 Rb on D/B and A/R Mission Sqdn Mission NO 321

- A - Ops Ord \_\_\_\_\_ Miss No W 51-4 25 Dec 44 Miss for Day 1  
 K - D/B and A/R mission in area of Malmedy, St Vith, Wiltz, Bastogne, and St Hubert.  
 B - 368 FG, 397 FS. 16 a/c disp. No aborts.  
 C - Up 1012, TGT 1045, Left tgt area 1150, Down 1206.  
 D - One of our a/c ~~miss~~ destroyed at L140970. 2nd Lt J. W. White was hit by flak on his bomb run and failed to pull up. His plane was seen to crash and explode. He did not bail out.  
 3 a/c damaged by flak cat "A" and one damaged by flak Cat "AC".  
 E - 10 x 3 x 500 GP's 1/10 nose 1/40 tail, 2x2x500GP's 1/10 nose 1/40 tail; 4x4x5 in AR MkI rockets. 33 bombs in tgt area, 1 jett safe. 15 rockets ret to base.  
 Sqdn contacted Ripsaw 5 which directed them to scattered vehicles on the road between L1497 and L1496. 23 bombs were dropped on this road. 4 vehicles were damaged. Other results were NRC. 11 bombs were dropped at Dirget L2192 where 2 tanks were dest. Capt Dame strafed and dest 8 M/T's and 2 armored cars, and damaged 4 M's. Lt Hamilton dest 8 M/T's and dest 5. One rocket was fired at a tank by Lt Horlacher but no results were observed.  
 F - Lt int very acc flak L1496. Lt int very acc flak N&S of RR jct at L1795. Hvy int acc flak at L2297. Hvy int fairly acc flak at L0891.  
 G - An unidentified heavy bomber exploded in midair and crashed at approximately F3221. Two flares or possible V2's were seen at L1395. 2 white tanks were seen at L217905 and about 30 RR cars on loop to the north of this point.  
 H - Clear except for scattered high cirrus. Vis very good.  
 I - Code not used  
 J - Ground control satisfactory but weak.

Bombs: Carbine 2, Kostrach 3, Frisbie 3, Wright 3,  
 Hamilton 3, White 3, Dame, 3, Patrick 3,  
 Krause 3, Arledge 2, Helliesen 3, Kalen 3.  
 Rockets: Horlacher, Koneany, Baker, Fauley.

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Opflash No. 2 Site 84 Date 25 Dec Given To: Capt K. Lane

A. O.C.# W-1-V Hour 1404

Target Amved near ~~the~~ <sup>base</sup>

B. Group No. 368 395 No. A/C Dispatched 16

No. Abortives 1-generator

C. T/U 1035 T.O.T. 1105 <sup>1105</sup> T/T 1247

D. Our A/C Casualties 1-~~PR~~ <sup>PR</sup> lead - ~~Flak~~

Enemy A/C Destroyed 1-~~cab~~ <sup>cab</sup> ~~flak~~ Probable          Damaged         

Personnel Killed          Wounded          Missing 1-G.E. Swindle

E. Results-         

Bombs Loaded and Using          A/C Escort         

Bombs in Target Area 3-29 Jettisoned          Returned 3-500

*Repair - sand base of ditch*  
*Found ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~area~~ <sup>area</sup> ~~near~~ <sup>near</sup> P9550 to P9558*  
*all bombs here - 12 MIT des + ~~PR~~ <sup>PR</sup>*  
*1-PR - missed the*  
*3-PR - at HA position ~~PR~~ <sup>PR</sup> - ~~top~~ <sup>top</sup>*  
*Stopping - 12 MIT des - 2 MIT down*  
*1 ~~amm~~ <sup>amm</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~flam~~ <sup>flam</sup>*  
*(P9555)*

F. Enemy Aircraft         

12 Fu 190 - ~~had~~ <sup>had</sup> ~~bomb~~ <sup>bomb</sup> - 5 of these at 1145

FIAC: launched them - started to ~~spend~~ <sup>spend</sup> to ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~left~~ <sup>left</sup>

190 on base - then ~~spurred~~ <sup>spurred</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~left~~ <sup>left</sup>

190 on base - ~~then~~ <sup>then</sup> ~~spurred~~ <sup>spurred</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~left~~ <sup>left</sup>

190 on base - ~~then~~ <sup>then</sup> ~~spurred~~ <sup>spurred</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~left~~ <sup>left</sup>

G. VITAL INFORMATION:         

4 D 5 B 24 - ~~slid~~ <sup>slid</sup> ~~down~~ <sup>down</sup> ~~over~~ <sup>over</sup> ~~Malindi~~ <sup>Malindi</sup>

due to ~~flak~~ <sup>flak</sup> ~~at~~ <sup>at</sup> ~~Malindi~~ <sup>Malindi</sup>

due to ~~flak~~ <sup>flak</sup> ~~at~~ <sup>at</sup> ~~Malindi~~ <sup>Malindi</sup>

10-V 2 ~~cont~~ <sup>cont</sup> ~~at~~ <sup>at</sup> ~~base~~ <sup>base</sup> ~~E~~ <sup>E</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~base~~ <sup>base</sup>

1045 to 1115 ~~had~~ <sup>had</sup> ~~W~~ <sup>W</sup> ~~about~~ <sup>about</sup> ~~2000~~ <sup>2000</sup>

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OPFLASH

Opflash No. 3 Site 84 Date 25 Dec Given To: 1st Recon

A. O.C.# W51-4 Hour 1440  
 Target Hundred Korea - Gyeongju Area

B. Group No. 368-396 No. A/C Dispatched 11  
 No. Abortives \_\_\_\_\_

C. T/U 1100 T.O.T. 1155-1230 T/T 1327

D. Our A/C Casualties \_\_\_\_\_  
 Enemy A/C Destroyed \_\_\_\_\_ Probable \_\_\_\_\_ Damaged \_\_\_\_\_  
 Personnel Killed \_\_\_\_\_ Wounded \_\_\_\_\_ Missing \_\_\_\_\_

E. Results-  
 Bombs Loaded and Fusing 372 1500 lb of 1000 lb A/C Escort  
 Bombs in Target Area 23 Jettisoned 10 Returned P-7440 and  
 (866) 7 P-750881 (2 " 6) 2 ths dest.  
 (1211) P-743889 (2 " 6) 1 th down, 4 M/T down  
 by Rapone's one hour down  
 strag P-718898 3 M/T dest.  
 bombs were hidden along side

F. Enemy Aircraft 15-109's 1140s bombed 524s (some out)  
over P-8070 1245 7  
 FLAK: Hypoc, some at 90th

G. VITAL INFORMATION: 2 exploded mid air  
3-B-24's shot down (2 crashed P-6887)  
(2 chutes seen), 1-109 seen 700 in P-719847  
4/2 (after 1 pass) hit deck + went down  
for chutes but N)  
Rapone's called in the P-8588  
over Borm 1145  
Pomels called in Borm

H. WEATHER: CAVU

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OFFFLASH

Opflash No. 4 Site 84 Date 25 Dec Given To: Capt Owens

A. O.C.# W51-4 Hour 1650

Target HIR Malmedy - Willy

B. Group No. 368 - 397 No. A/C Dispatched 12

No. Abortives \_\_\_\_\_

C. T/U 1337 T.O.T. 1415 - 1500 T/O 1549<sup>0</sup>

D. Our A/C Casualties 2 A/C - 1 A/C - F64 one A92

Enemy A/C Destroyed \_\_\_\_\_ Probable \_\_\_\_\_ Damaged \_\_\_\_\_

Personnel Killed \_\_\_\_\_ Wounded \_\_\_\_\_ Missing \_\_\_\_\_

E. Results-

Bombs Loaded and Fusing 8 x 2 x 500 CP 1/2 No  
4 x 4 485" Inc 1 A/C Escort \_\_\_\_\_

Bombs in Target Area 16 Jettis ned \_\_\_\_\_ Returned \_\_\_\_\_

*Centrated Ripsaw - no top & if no help*  
*8 at L 0593 - rd intersected - cut road but*  
*no vehicles but*  
*Includes*  
*strout area*  
*8 at L 1190 - rd - Des 8 ambulances*  
*lighter dials*  
*area in 3<sup>rd</sup> mile - rd of L 0593*  
*7 road end*  
*Stapling*  
*8 tanks des - 3 dam*  
*+ Reelect<sup>101</sup>*  
*100 MIT's des - L 1190 (25 MIT's there carrying gas*  
*25 MIT dam*  
*des - burst in flash*

F. Enemy Aircraft generally seemed SW but all directions

FIAX: L 0593 - H + H - Veg Int - Veg Hec

L 1096 - H Hec - Hec

G. VITAL INFORMATION:

*no parked trees*  
*Wanted of 1000 des & left burning*  
*9*

H. WEATHER: CAVV

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FIRST U. S. ARMY AND IX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND  
SUMMARY OF AIR OPERATIONS FOR 24 DECEMBER 1944

SUMMARY OF AIR PLAN FOR THE DAY

The entire air effort of this command will be on an armed recce in the area bounded by the following points; Vielsalm (P705890), Stovelot (K718010), Bullingen (K9502), Glaadt (L170952), Prum (L065795), and St. Vith (P855885).

SUMMARY OF GROUND PLAN FOR THE DAY

No information available.

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No	Req Unit	Req No	Mission & Target	TOT Req	Actual TOT	Air Unit Notified	Results from Air or Ground Unit or Reason if not Completed	Air Unit	No Type A/C	No & Type Bombs	Fuse
1	FUSA	Y21-1	Air patrol in area Verviers-Monschau-Prum-Marche.	All Day		0250	Cancelled.	32			
2	FUSA	Y21-2	Armed recon area Vielsalm-Stavelot-Bullingen-Prum-St. Vith.	All Day	1120-1220	0250	Under Marmite control bombed trks at P89592 dest 3. Bet St. Vith & Amblere strafed column of enemy M/T, dest 6.	36	12 P-47	24x500GP 16 R.P. 8 ret'd	1/10-1/40
3	FUSA	Y21-2	A/R area Vielsalm-Stavelot-Bullingen-Prum-St. Vith.	All Day	1215-1350	0250	8 bombs on Recht, 2 hit rd where M/T were, NRO.	36	12 P-47	16x500GP 8 R.P. 20 R.P. 8 ret'd	1/10-1/40 ret'd
4	FUSA	Y21-2	A/R area Vielsalm-Stavelot-Bullingen-Prum-St. Vith.	All Day	1315-1445	0250	Recced area, no tgts.	36	4 P-47	4x500GP ret'd 8 R.P.	1/10-1/40 ret'd
5	FUSA	Y21-2	A/R area Vielsalm-Stavelot-Bullingen-Prum-St. Vith.	All Day	1430-1545	0250	Dmgd 1 tiger tnk, 2 med tnks & 10 M/T.	36	10 P-47	20x500GP 12 R.P.	1/10-1/40
6	FUSA	Y21-2	A/R area Vielsalm-Stavelot-Bullingen-Prum-St. Vith.	All Day	1030-1140	0250	Found Jerry column at P7998, dmgd 1 tnk, 3-0-0 1/2 tracks, 15-0-4 M/T, 1-0-0 personnel carrier, 0-0-1 armd staff car. Bldg dest at P7799.	36	8 P-47	14x500GP 12 R.P.	1/10-1/40
7	FUSA	Y21-2	A/R area Vielsalm-Stavelot-Bullingen-Prum-St. Vith.	All Day	1455-1545	0250	Bombed 50 plus M/T at P935784, claim 50-0-0, all bunched together & standing still.	36	16 P-47	16x500GP 16 R.P.	1/10-1/40 2 ret'd
8	FUSA	Y21-3	A/R area Vielsalm-Stavelot-Bullingen-Prum-St. Vith.	All Day	1110	0250	Bombed nr tracks at Wellerswith P3740, 2 hits, tracks believed cut.	30	8 P-38	16x500GP 5 ret'd	Inst
9	FUSA	Y21-3	A/R area Vielsalm-Stavelot-Bullingen-Prum-St. Vith.	All Day	1050-1200	0250	Bombed M/T at L0201, dest 7-8 M/T, rd cut 3 places.	30	11 P-38	22x500GP 1 ret'd	Inst
10	FUSA	Y21-3	A/R area Vielsalm-Stavelot-Bullingen-Prum-St. Vith.	All Day	1200	0250	Bmgd 4 M/T at L1448. 4 fire bombs on shack at crossroad P9448, NRO.	30	10 P-38	16x500GP 4x165 FB	Inst
11	FUSA	Y21-4	A/R area Vielsalm-Stavelot-Bullingen-Prum-St. Vith.	All Day	0930-0940	0250	Vectored to E/A in St. Vith area on Marmite order. E.A had left area.	34	12 P-38	24x500GP 1 Abort	Inst
12	FUSA	Y21-4	A/R area Vielsalm-Stavelot-Bullingen-Prum-St. Vith.	All Day	0852-1016	0250	Encountered 36 plus ME 109's SE of St. Vith. E/A were aggressive until we jett bombs then they broke off. Claim 2-0-2.	34	10 P-38	22 jett & 20x1000GP 18 jett & 2 ret'd	Inst
13	FUSA	Y21-5	Area patrol St. Vith-Marche-Guinet.	All Day	1445-1610	0250	Dest 5 trks & 1 staff car by strafing. 2 A/C lost.	36	20 P-38	40x500GP 26 ret'd	Inst

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No	Req Unit	Req No	Mission & Target	TOT Req	Actual TOT	Air Unit Notified	Results from Air or Ground Unit or Reason if not Completed	Air Unit	No & Type A/C	No & Type Bombs	Fuse
14	FUSA	Y21-5	Area patrol St. Vith-Marche-Ciuet.	All Day	1500-1650	0250	Uneventful.	370	13 P-38	26x500GP 22 ret'd	Inst & 4 jett
15	FUSA	00 287	Alert scramble mission.	SAP	0930	24 Dec	Sent to Duren-Julich area for L/A, none obs	366	4 P-47	None	
16	FUSA	00 287	Alert scramble mission.	SAP	1055-1110	24 Dec	Uneventful.	366	8 P-47	None	
17	FUSA	00 287	Alert scramble mission.	SAP	1115	24 Dec	Uneventful.	370	4 P-38 2 Abort	None	
18	FUSA	00 287	Alert scramble mission.	SAP	1144	24 Dec	Encountered 75 ME 109's & FW 190's in Duren area. 1 ME 109 dest. 1 P-47 NYR.	366	3 P-47	None	
19	FUSA	00 287	Alert scramble mission.	SAP	1705	24 Dec	Bombed 15 M/T on rd NE Hottton, claim 3 M/T desv. Set fire to bldgs in Bourdchn.	474	7 P-38	None	
20	FUSA	00 287	Alert scramble mission.	SAP	1605-1625	24 Dec	Strafed trks moving W at P1377, 24 M/T dest. 2 med tnks & 3 M/T dmgd.	474	10 P-38	None	
21	IX AF	X51-1	Escort mediums to D162237.	1300		1133	Cancelled.	474			
22	IX AF	X51-2	Escort mediums to D159229.	1250	1340-1445	1133	Bombing excellent, believe br P8267 dest. At P8267 strafed 100 plus veh, claim 1 tanker trk & 30 M/T dest. 15 M/T & 1 med tnk dmgd. & 4 gun battery at P8266 silenced.	474	28 P-38 2 Abort	None	
23	IX AF	X51-2	Escort mediums to D243315.	1320		1133	Cancelled.	474			
<u>DELAYED REPORT</u>											
23	FUSA	00 286 NF	Armed recce.	24 Dec	1335-1428	23 Dec	No enemy movements along rds La Roche-Champlon.	422	1 P-61	None	
25	FUSA	00 286 NF	Night fighter operations.	All Night	Unk	23 Dec	2 GCI chases, 1 contact.	422	1 P-61	None	

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OPFLASH

Opflash No. 1 Site 84 Date 24 Dec Given To: 6028 Stradline

A. O.C.# W 57-4 Hour \_\_\_\_\_

Target Armed Recce - Breckton area

B. Group No. 368-396 No. A/C Dispatched 12 P-77s

No. Abortives 2

C. T/U 0906 T.O.T. 0942<sup>10:45</sup> - 1100 T/D 1135

D. Our A/C Casualties Nil

Enemy A/C Destroyed \_\_\_\_\_ Probable \_\_\_\_\_ Damaged \_\_\_\_\_

Personnel Killed \_\_\_\_\_ Wounded \_\_\_\_\_ Missing \_\_\_\_\_

E. Result \_\_\_\_\_

Recon 10K or 500 G.P. 1/10 A/C Escort \_\_\_\_\_

Flies in Target Area 31 Jettisoned \_\_\_\_\_ Returned 3 - Hang up!

vicinity of P-957972. Contacted Pipsaw -  
acknowledged by had nothing further to say.

flew recon as briefed. → Found target -  
concentration of tanks - Results fair. Hits  
on tank. Claim 1 Dest + 3 Damaged.  
*not a weakly well camouflaged with smoke  
+ hits - none, when 1100.*

F. Enemy Aircraft \_\_\_\_\_

FLAK: 1 Lt, mod, f. acc. - P957972 → small white puffs  
big white, more - P835835.

G. VITAL INFORMATION: Searched for help but we could not  
contact them

① Tanks attached were camouflaged with

brush 600 ft  
② ~~2~~ other tanks <sup>probably</sup> seen at edge of woods

at P-968973.

③ B-175 seen behind in N9500. Damage ind.

④ Scattered friendly vehicles between P-710828  
+ P-705890. *Change points in identification diffc*

WEATHER: \_\_\_\_\_

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Difficult to work because chatter  
in P.H. Recommend 4 sleep flights

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- A. Mission No. W51-4 DATE: 24 December 1944
- B. 396th Fighter Squadron dispatched 12 P-47's led by Maj. Crisp.
- C. Take-off at 0906, TOT at 0942, left E/T at 1100, landed at 1135.
- D. Nil
- E. 10 x 3 x 500 lb GP bombs (1/10 x 1/40 fusing) were loaded.  
2 x 2 x 500 lb GP bombs (1/10 x 1/40) fusing) were loaded.  
31 x 500 lb GP bombs on target at vicinity of P-957972.  
3 x 500 lb GP bombs returned to base.  
Bombing results were generally fair. Hits were observed on one tank and some close to others. One tank destroyed, 3 others damaged.
- F. Light moderate fairly accurate flak at Target.  
Heavy weak inaccurate flak at P-835835.
- G. E/Tanks attacked were camouflaged with brush. A few other tanks seen along edge of woods at approx P-968873. A B-17 seen belled in at appx K-9500, damage unknown. Scattered friendly vehicles between P-710828 and P-705890.
- H. Ground haze. Visibility fair.

Notes: Squadron contacted Rissaw who only acknowledged and didn't say anything else to squadron leader.  
Difficult to work because of chatter on R/T.  
Pilots recommend 4 ship flights on this type mission.

*Murray B. Shaler*  
MURRAY B. SHALER,  
1st Lt., Air Corps  
Asst S-2

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OFFLASH

Opflash No. 2 Site 84 Date 24 Dec Given To: Major Craig

A. O.C.# W 51-4 Hour 1350

Target Trained 10000 - Breakeither area

B. Group No. 368-397 No. A/C Dispatched 16

No. Abortives \_\_\_\_\_

C. T/U 0940 T.O.T. 1000 1120 T/D 1207

D. Our A/C Casualties 1 - F-532876 Enemy Flak

Enemy A/C Destroyed 1 - Probable \_\_\_\_\_ Damaged \_\_\_\_\_

Personnel Killed \_\_\_\_\_ Wounded \_\_\_\_\_ Missing 2nd Lt. D.W. Evans

E. Results- \_\_\_\_\_

Bombs Loaded and Fusing 6 x 3 x 500 of No 140  
6 x 2 x 500 of No 140  
444 of 5" MK1 A/C Escort \_\_\_\_\_

Bombs in Target Area 30 - 10000 Jettis ned \_\_\_\_\_ Returned 6 A/C

*WV*  
Contacted Ripshaw A Sweepstakes - no targets  
3 - Had direction - did by our first  
in trouble contacted then contact the  
at Falinens - P515863 - that is there  
9 x 500 - 10 x 500 just N of Town (occ. traps)  
11 x 500 - E of Town - camp of enemy  
traps + attacks - NRO - 2 or 3 days burning  
P519862  
Staging + Rockets 11 tanks des 14 down  
12 MIT des 13 down } all in area  
1 amm car des } within 1 mile  
radius of P519862

F. Enemy Aircraft T9 area - 18 - W - Drace

46 Five from tanks

G. VITAL INFORMATION:

*WV*  
12 enemy trks at Odeigne - P5386 } No op flak  
8 trks on road just NW of here } in area  
5 tanks at Dochemps - P4984 } as he has  
30 MIT in general area } P533902  
150 involved all in } Mankey is our with low traps  
amb control poor } instead flanked on N-E-S  
by 1 trks of enemy

H. WEATHER: CALV-

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

397th FS S-2 Rpt on a D/B and A/R Mission Sqn Miss. No. 319

- A - Ops Ord \_\_\_\_\_ Miss No W51-4 24 Dec 44 Miss for Day 1  
 M D/B and A/R Mission to Malmedy, St. Vith, Wiltz, and St. Hubert.  
 B - 368 FG, 397 FS. 16 A/C disp. no aborts.  
 C - Up 0940. Cross B/L on way in and TOT 1000. Cross B/L on way out 1120.  
 Down 1207.  
 D - One of our A/C missing at F532876 due to enemy flak. Pilot, Lt Evans, was seen to bail out and land safely in region of battle line. 3 A/C damaged, cat "A".  
 E - Bomb load 6x3x500 GP bombs fuze 1/18 nose 1/40 tail, 6x2x500 GP bombs 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail. 4x4x5 in AR Mkl rockets. 30 bombs in tgt area. 6 rockets ret to base.  
 Our planes contacted Ripsaw and Sweepstakes, but there were no tgts. Instead 3 directed them to bomb troop concentrations and vehicles in and around the town of Freineux. 5 bombs were dropped immediately N of town, 5 immediately S of town and 9 in and around town. Tgts were believed to be our own troops and were attacked through controller error. Results were not observed. 11 bombs were dropped at F519862 on a concentration of enemy troops and vehicles. One tank received a direct hit. No other results observed.  
 Strafing results: Maj Leary; 1 tank dest, 8 tanks dam, 4 M/T dest, 10 dam, Lt Hutcherson; 1 tank dest, 2 tanks dam, Lt Lewis; 1 tank dest, 1 tank dam, 2 M/T dest, 3 M/Tdam. Lt Olary; 1 tank dest, 1 dam, Lt Bender; and Lt ~~KAMARSKY~~; 1 tank dest, 1 Armored car dest. Lts Olden, Konesny, and White Weinstein; 4 tanks dest, 2 tanks dam, 1 M/T dest, 3 M/T dam. Lts Kerr, Hunt, and Bauer; 2 tanks dest, 1 Arm'd Car and 1 M/T dest.  
 F - Flak: Lt weak inacc in tgt area.  
 G - 12 enemy tanks seen at Odeigne F5386. 8 enemy tanks on road NW of this town. 5 enemy tanks seen at Dochemps F4984, 30 M/T's also seen in this area.  
 H - Weather: No clouds - CAVU  
 I - Code not used  
 J - Ground control's direction caused serious error in tgts.
- Bombs: Leary 3, Hutcherson 2, Lewis 2, Olary 3.  
 Bender 3, White 2, Baker 3, Patrick 2.  
 Olden 2, Konesny 3, Weinstein 3, Evans 2.  
 Rockets: Kerr, Hunt, Bauer, Horowitz.

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OFFFLASH

Opflash No. 3 Site 84 Date 24 Dec Given To: Mya Enay  
 A. O.C.# WSL-4 Hour 1355  
 Target Amadi, Base  
 B. Group No. 368- 385 No. A/C Dispatched 14 P47  
 No. Abortives \_\_\_\_\_  
 C. T/U 1006 <sup>1040-</sup> T.O.T. 1150 T/T 1237  
 D. Our A/C Casualties \_\_\_\_\_  
 Enemy A/C Destroyed \_\_\_\_\_ Probable \_\_\_\_\_ Damaged \_\_\_\_\_  
 Personnel Killed \_\_\_\_\_ Wounded \_\_\_\_\_ Missing \_\_\_\_\_  
 E. Results-  
 Bombs Loaded and Fusing 3 x 2x500 <sup>70% returned to Base</sup>  
11 x 3x500 GP 110/140 A/C Escort \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bombs in Target Area 37 Jettisoned \_\_\_\_\_ Returned 2

No contact  
 Pepsan -  
 instant  
 in contact

1 Tank dest. - <sup>recess area whole</sup>  
 3 hits on road  
 - feathered through woods at P-533881 - <sup>shooting coming out</sup>  
 1 Tank down by strapping at "  
 1 MIT destroying again -

F. Enemy Aircraft \_\_\_\_\_

PIAK: P-8297 H Wick Inacc  
P-537820 L M Inacc  
P 5781 L & H N to M. Inacc.

G. VITAL INFORMATION:

For Odigne P-535862 burning  
 In stand 3 - 200 yds SW of tower  
 Red jambs - 1045 vehicles (over)  
 Red circle - 20' diam in yard of house  
 2' wide P568827 Large white F  
 200' long cross bare 30' P4496  
 Tank burning - burst P585845  
 don't go case

H. WEATHER: CAVU Hazy vis. 6 into sun  
 returns out of sun

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## MISSION REPORT

OPFLASH NO. 1 24 December 1944

- A. O.O. No. W51-4  
Close support RIPS AW 28th Infantry Division MALMEDY SECTOR.
- B. 368th 395th 14 P47s
- C. 1006 1150 1237
- D. NIL
- E. 11 X 3 X 500 GP 1/10 1/40  
3 ^ 2 X 500 GP 1/10 1/40

2 Bombs returned to base.

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~~###~~ The Squadron leader ~~###~~ CAPTAIN MILLER, was unable to contact a Controller, so recied the target area lo king for targets of opportunity. Upon noticing an enemy tank at (P533831), and getting flak from the vicinity, they attacked with bombs and strafing. LT GARRY Destroyed a tank with his bombs, The remainder of the bombs were scattered throughout the woods in the immediate area, and three (3) bombs were seen to land on the road near the tank. LT KESTING ~~###~~ Damaged a Tank by strafing;; same place.

- F..@P (P-8297) heavy weak inaccurate  
(P-537820) light moderate inaccurate  
(P-5781) light & heavy moderate inaccurate  
(P-537812) light moderate inaccurate.
- G. The town of ODEIGNE (P-535862) was observed to be burning, and it was thought that DNSTAND #3 was located about 200 yards SW of the town. 10-15 vehicles were seen there, carrying RED PANELS.  
A large RED CIRCLE was seen on the ground in the yard of a house at (P-563827). 20' in diam with the material about 3' in width.  
A large WHITE "F" on the ground at (P-4496). About 200' long, with crossarms about 50' in length.  
A Tank was seen to burst into flame at (P-585845). The cause was not observed.
- H. CAVU hazy visibility into the sun, 6 miles. Unlimited down-sun.

*Robert L. Clark*  
ROBERT L. CLARK  
Captain, A.C.  
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Opflash No. 4 Site 84 Date 29 Dec Given To: Capt Strickland

A. O.C.# W 51-4 Hour 1645

Target Huned Wasse - West of road

B. Group No. 365 - 386 No. A/C Dispatched 13/12

No. Abortives \_\_\_\_\_

C. T/U 1368 T.O.T. 1345-1350 T/V 1520

D. Our A/C Casualties 3 lost A Flak

Enemy A/C Destroyed \_\_\_\_\_ Probable \_\_\_\_\_ Damaged \_\_\_\_\_

Personnel Killed \_\_\_\_\_ Wounded \_\_\_\_\_ Missing \_\_\_\_\_

E. Results- \_\_\_\_\_

Rombs Loaded and Fusing 9x3x500 CP 1/4/40 A/C Escort \_\_\_\_\_

Rombs in Target Area 31 Jettisoned 2 Returned 0

*No Contact Reported - Body no type  
 No Rocherath's K-978048 - found conc.  
 20 x 500 - F000093 - 7 MTs des -  
 7 MT down*

*Called on 150 MTs guard P-878883 & P922879  
 3 x 500 bombs - 4 des - MTs [not stopped - too much flak]*

F. Enemy Aircraft \_\_\_\_\_

FLAK: K-978048 - 11 - dead - Four was

11 - Just - " "

P8988 - 14 - dead - " "

G. VITAL INFORMATION: \_\_\_\_\_

*1535 Capt Strickland  
 3/1/40  
 Schillerden area  
 40-50 MTs - 1/2 time going W at F-075149 at 1410  
 50 " " " " + F-1115 into Schillerden 1410  
 12 unidentified reb. " W at K-928100 1425*

H. WEATHER: Cloud haze

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Opflash No. 5 Site -84 Date 24 Dec Given To: 1st Smith

A. O.C.# ~~W-51-4~~ W-51-4 Hour 1800

Target A/R Breakthru Area

B. Group No. 368 - 397 No. A/C Dispatched 16

No. Abortives 2 <sup>radio</sup> to wingman P-4282 <sup>In enemy</sup> territory

C. T/U 1405 T.O.T. 1445-1625 T/D 1651

D. Our A/C Casualties \_\_\_\_\_

Enemy A/C Destroyed \_\_\_\_\_ Probable \_\_\_\_\_ Damaged \_\_\_\_\_

Personnel Killed \_\_\_\_\_ Wounded \_\_\_\_\_ Missing \_\_\_\_\_

E. Results- 4x4-5" AR-MI

Rombs Loaded and Fusing 3x3x500 1/2 1/2 3x2x300 A/C Escort \_\_\_\_\_

Rombs in Target Area 31 Jettisoned \_\_\_\_\_ Returned 8 AR

P-5187 (E.A.R) 1-tank dest.

Directed to Schleiden ~~F-1115~~ by ~~using~~ Sweepstakes.  
 31 bombs, excellent results.  
 Good long dest. - much smoke & flame <sup>25 Cars</sup> dest.  
 M/F dest. - 50-100 cars sighted. ~~dest.~~ <sup>2</sup>

Detand #3 had receiver out  
 Pyssem garbled.

F. Enemy Aircraft \_\_\_\_\_

FLAK: P-6481 Lt. Wk, Inacc

P-5481 " " " "

P-4382 Hr, " " " "

G. VITAL INFORMATION:

Saw a B-17 bellied in at P-390865  
 The camouflage - irregular white patches to  
 look like snow

1st at P-5287, (near one that was dest.) -

1 seen at P-5286 →

2th at P-5887

H. WEATHER: Hazy, hi cirrus, vis good

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

397th FS S-2 Rpt of D/B and A/R Mission Sqn Mission No 320

- A - Ops Ord \_\_\_\_\_ Miss No W51-4 24 Dec 44 Miss for day 2  
 B D/B and A/R mission in area of Malmedy, St Vith, Wiltz, and St Hubert.  
 B - 368 PG 397FS. 16 a/c disp. 2 aborts, Lt Arledge's radio went out and  
 as he reached the tgt area (F4282). Lt Hamilton accompanied him home.  
 C - Up 1405, TOT 1444, Left tgt area 1625, Down 1651.  
 D - Nil  
 E - 7x3x500 GP's 1/10 nose 1/40 tail; 5x2x500 GP's 1/10 nose 1/40 tail; 4x4x5 in  
 AR MkI rockets. Capt Dams and Lt Yandel attacked and dest a tank at F5187  
 with rockets. Then Foodle directed our sqdn to single tanks at F5686 and  
 F5885 but the attack on these tanks was called off before our planes reached them.  
 Wetrag requested the sqdn to verify the presence of vehicles at F5277. Then they  
 directed our planes to bomb Schleiden (F1115) where all 31 bombs were dropped.  
 Results were excellent. A probable fuel dump was hit, as large clouds of smoke  
 and flame were observed. The marshalling yard at Schleiden was heavily bombed  
 resulting in the destruction of the majority of 50 to 100 cars. Lts Barker  
 and Leavoy scored direct hits on the fuel dump. No strafing.  
 F - Lt wk inacc AA at F6481  
 Lt wk inacc AA at F5489  
 Hvy wk inacc AA at F4582  
 G - A B-17 was seen bellied in at F590865. A single tank was seen next to a burnt  
 tank at F5287. Camouflage in white patches to resemble snow was noted on tanks.  
 A recon car was seen at F5286 and 2 tanks at F5887.  
 H - Clear except for ground haze and a little high cirrus. Vis fairly good except  
 into sun.  
 I - Code not used.  
 J - Ground control fair. Foodle 3's tgts were old. Instand 3's receiver was out.  
 Ripsaw's transmission was garbled.
- Bombs: Carbine 3, Thornton 2, Helliesen 3, Kalen 3,  
 Barker 3, Leavoy 2, Frisbie 3, RD Sharp 2,  
 Potter 3, Kostrach 2, Fauley 3, Wright 2.  
 Rockets: Dams, Arledge, Hamilton, Yandel.  
 abort abort

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## OPFLASH

Opflash No. 6 Site 84 Date 24 Dec Given To: Capt. Strickland

A. O.C.# W51-4 Hour \_\_\_\_\_

Target A/R Breckton Area

B. Group No. 368 - 395 No. A/C Dispatched 16

No. Abortives \_\_\_\_\_

C. T/U 1428 T.O.T. 1605 T/R 1710

D. Our A/C Casualties 1 - Cat A flak

Enemy A/C Destroyed \_\_\_\_\_ Probable \_\_\_\_\_ Damaged \_\_\_\_\_

Personnel Killed \_\_\_\_\_ Wounded \_\_\_\_\_ Missing \_\_\_\_\_

E. Results-

Bombs Loaded and Fusing 8x3x500 } 1/2 - 1/4  
8x2x500 } A/C Escort \_\_\_\_\_

Bombs in Target Area 38 Jettisoned \_\_\_\_\_ Returned 2

P-3278 - (2 loads) 1 MT dest 1 1/2 th dest

P-269775 - (361) some (in woods) of 5 MTs, 12th +  
some low-level veh. 3 MTs dest.

P-302777 - 20 lb gun emplacement  
3 dest

P-7278 - 1 MT 1 1/2 th dest by strafing

~~Did not contact P-5.~~

F. Enemy Aircraft Instant #1 in tower out. Should give  
message even though no  
observed.

FLAK: P-302777 Lt, dest, in air

P-7881 Hr, 2k, in air

P-270808 Lt, med. dest, acc.

G. VITAL INFORMATION:

P-7278 many various colored parachutes on  
ground.

[Circled Parachutes at P-7278 on on vehicles]

H. WEATHER: Hazy Lt & 3000 34 mi

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## MISSION REPORT

OPSFLASH # 2

- A. OO # W51-4, December 24 1944
- B. W51-4 Tgt - Reccy Malmedy - St Vit - Whitz - St Hubert - Malmedy  
368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron - 16 A/C Dispatched  
Nil aborts
- C. 1428 - 1505 1615 1630 1710
- D. One P-47 "Cat-A" Light AA (Lt Williams)  
Nil  
Nil
- E. 8 x 2 x 500 GP 1/10 - 1/40  
8 x 3 x 500 GP 1/10 - 1/40  
Two returned to base.  
Two bombs at P321789. One m/t and one halftrack destroyed.  
36 Bombs were dropped in an wooded area at ~~RXX~~ P269777 on a  
concentration of 5 M/T's one tank and some horsedrawn vehicles  
with a claim of 3 destroyed M/T's, pilots refusing to make  
any claims on further destruction.  
By STRAFING: At P295779 three light AA emplacements were  
destroyed. At P321789 an M/T and a half/track were destroyed  
by strafing.
- TALLY BOMBING: 4 M/T's and one halftrack destroyed.  
TALLY STRAFING: 2 M/T's destroyed and 3 lgith AA.
- F. 1) Nil  
2) At P295779 - light intense, inaccurate.  
At P270808 - Light intense to moderate and accurate  
At P7881 Heavy weak inaccurate
- G. Many multi-colored parachutes were seen on the ground at  
P2778. Cerese colored pannels were seen in vicinity.
- H. Slight haze up to 5000' 5 plus miles visibility.

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FROM: OPNS, IX T A C 240730A  
TO: CO'S, 365, 367, AND 368 GPs (ACTION PASSED FROM XIX T A C)

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HQ XIX T A C  
24 DECEMBER 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 146

1. MISSION W51-2: THE THREE SQDNS OF 365 GP WILL CONDUCT ARMED RECCE BY SQDNS ALONG THE FOLLOWING ROUTES:

(1) STAVELOT (K-7101) - MALMEDY (K-7914) - BULLANCE (K-9502) - HELLENTHAL (F-0811) - SCHLEIDER (F-1115) - AGEMUND (F-1220) - ZULPICH (F-2333) - EUSKIRCHEN (F-3330) - SCHONAN (F-3213) - STADTKYLL (L-1495) - BULLANCE (K-9502).

(2) VIELSALM (P-7089) - ST. VITH (P-8588) - STADTKYLL (L-1495) - BANKENHEIM (F-2305) - DORSET (L-3398) - SCHULO (F-4006) - ADENAU (L-4396) - KELBURG (L-4208) - PELM (L-2582) - PRUM (L-0679) - PROMSFELD (L-0674).

(3) DIEKIRCH (P-8742) - VIANDEN (P-9049) - WAXWEILER (L-0267) - KYLLBURG (L-1861) - DAUN (L-3578) - VLLEN (L-4679) - COCHEM (L-5972) - WITTLICH (L-3954) - SPEICHR (L-2149).

BOMB LOAD: 16 X 3 X 500 LB GP BOMBS FUSED G.L.D. PER SQDN. TOT'S - AS SOON AS WEATHER PERMITS. CONTACT "RIPSAW" ON "CHARLIE" CHANNEL. TURN AROUND MISSION WILL BE ASSIGNED PRIOR TO LANDING FROM FIRST MISSION.

2. MISSION W51-3: THE THREE SQDNS OF 367 GP WILL CONDUCT ARMED RECCE BY SQDNS ALONG THE FOLLOWING ROUTE:

(1) BITBURG (L-1353) - PEIM (L-2582) - DAUN (L-3578) - MAYEN (L-6392) - ANDERNACH (F-7604) - KOBLENZ - COCHEM (L-5971) - TRIER.

(2) TRIER (L-2129) - WITTLICH (L-3954) - COCHEM (L-5972) - KOBLENZ - BOPPARD (L-9081) - SIMMERN (L-8554) - HERMSKEIL (L-4317) - NDR ZERF (L-2412) - TRIER.

(3) LEDACH (Q-4191) - NEUNKIRCHEN - ST. WENDEL (Q-5995) - NOHFELDEN (L-5710) - OBERSTEIN (L-7123) - BAD KREUZNACH (H-0939) - BINGEN - LAUTERECHEN (L-9017) - HONBERG - NEUNKIRCHEN.

CONTACT "RIPSAW" ON CHANNEL "CHARLIE". BOMB LOAD: 16 X 2 X 500 LB GP BOMBS FUSED INSTANTANEOUSLY. TOT'S - AS SOON AS WEATHER PERMITS. SECOND MISSIONS WILL BE ASSIGNED.

3. MISSION W51-4: THE 368 GP LOADS ALL A/C WITH ROCKETS AS FAR AS AVAILABLE AND 3 X 500 LB GP BOMBS FUSED G.L.D. SQDNS WILL CONDUCT ARMED RECCE AND ATTACK TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY IN THE BREAK THROUGH AREA: MALMEDY - ST. VITH - WILT - BASTOGNE - ST. HUBERT. SQDNS TO BE DISPATCHED AT 30 MINUTE INTERVALS. CONTACT "RIPSAW" ON "CHARLIE" CHANNEL FOR TARGETS REPORTED BY TACTICAL RECCE.

X. 1. GLO'S MUST BRIEF ALL PILOTS THOROUGHLY ON NEW THIRD ARMY AREA AND PRESENT ENEMY OPERATIONS.

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IF WEATHER PERMITS, ALL ELEMENTS WILL BE DISPATCHED AT INTERVALS OVER ABOVE SPECIFIED ROUTES OR AREAS.

3. NO BOMBS WILL BE RETURNED TO BASE IF FLIGHT IS ABLE TO PENETRATE INTO ENEMY HELD TERRITORY AT ANY POINT ALONG THE FRONT. FOLLOWING ARE MOST IMPORTANT AREAS AND MAY BE COVERED BY FLIGHTS, OTHER THAN THOSE SPECIFICALLY ORDERED AS ALTERNATE TARGETS:

(A) PONTOON BRIDGES ALONG SAAR RIVER AT P-997399, L-298369, L-248363, L-668358, L-118348, L-298363.

SAAR PONTOON BRIDGE ACROSS SAAR RIVER NORTH OF MERZIG, VICINITY SARRUBERG.

(C) CASTLE CONTAINING IMPORTANT HQ AT F-16350280.

4. FLIGHTS OPERATING IN THE TRIER AREA WILL PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO AREA BORDERED ON THE EAST BY SAAR RIVER, ON THE WEST BY THE MOSELLE RIVER, AND OUR FRONT LINES ON THE SOUTH.

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(F-3213) - ETCN

AS SOON AS WEATHER PERMITS, CONTACT "RIPSXXXXX" "RIPSAW"  
ON "CHARLIE" CHANNEL. TURN ETC.

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VICINITY SARRUBERG.

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M HQ XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND 240255A  
 TO CG THIRD US ARMY  
 CG III CORPS (ATTN: G-3 AIR)  
 XII CG XII CORPS (ATTN: G-3 AIR)  
 CG VIII CORPS (ATTN: G-3 AIR)  
 CG XX CORPS (ATTN: G-3 AIR)  
 CG 100TH FIGHTER WING  
 CO'S 354, 362, 365, 366, 367, 368, 405, 406, 361 FIGHTER GPS  
 CO FIGHTER CONTROL CENTER  
 CO'S F.D.P. 'S 1, 3, 4, 5, 5, 7

INFORMATION COPIES TO:

CG 64TH FIGHTER WING CONTROL CENTER NO. 2

CG XII TAC  
 CG NINTH AIR FORCE ADV  
 CG IX TAC (BY COURIER)  
 CG XIX TAC (REAR) (FC COL. THOMPSON)  
 CG XXIX TAC (BY COURIER)  
 CO 10TH PHOTO GP  
 CO 159TH NIGHT PHOTO SQDN  
 CG SPIITFIRE XRAY

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY  
 SECRET SEND IN CLEAR BY TELETYPE AUTH: CAPT. CHAPMAN

HQ XIX TAC  
 240001 DECEMBER 44

FIELD ORDER NO. 146.

1. A. (1) VIII US CORPS ZONE: (V CORPS)-INDICATIONS CONTINUE THAT STRONG ENEMY PRESSURE IS BEING BUILT UP IN THE STAVELOT AREA (K7201). UNSUCCESSFUL ENEMY ATTEMPT TO CROSS SAIM RIVER WITH 35 TANKS AND A BN OF INFM FURTHER TO THE EAST. 100 TANKS WERE REPORTED TO BE MASSING NEAR NEIDER EMELS (P8491)

III US CORPS ZONE: ENEMY TANKS MOVING WEST AT BAURSCHEID  
~~XP8847XAGKIBKRNK~~  
 \* LOWAT THEY (P8847) AND HELDERSHUD (P7344). IT IS BELIEVED WERE ELEMENTS AT GROSSDEUSTICHLAND DIV. FURTHER, CIV REPORTS THAT UNKNOWN NUMBER OF TANKS IN BETTEL (P917471) FOR A PUSH TO ETTLEBURCK (P8240) THROUGH DIEKIRACH (P8742); THIS PUSH WAS POSTPONED FROM 23 DECEMBER TO 24 DECEMBER. AN OFFICER PW FROM 32ND INF DIV STATES THAT HIS DIV FORCED TO USE SECONDARY ROADS BECAUSE MAIN ROADS WERE RESERVED FOR EITHER GROSSDUESTICHLAND OR 2 PZ DIV.

XII US CORPS ZONE: ENEMY CONTINUES TO BE VERY ACTIVE IN THIS AREA (TRIER AREA), 12129.

~~XI US CORPS ZONE: SHALL BE REPAIRED (22224) BRIDGE~~  
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 AN OFFICER PW FROM 3RD INF DIV STATES THAT HIS DIV FORCED  
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XII US CORPS ZONE: ENEMY CONTINUES TO BE VERY ACTIVE IN  
 THIS AREA (TRIER AREA), L2129.

~~XX US CORPS ZONE: SMALL ENEMY BRIGADE (CORPS) BRIDGE-  
 HEAD AREA, 258800 REPULSED.~~

- (2) NO CHANGE.  
 B. (1) THIRD US ARMY CONTINUED ATTACK NORTH

VIII CORPS:  
 8TH ARMD DIV: CCA UPON BEING REACHED BY B FLANK III CORPS  
 IN ATTACK N. JOINED ITS LINE SOLIDLY WITH THOSE OF III  
 ICORPS ON FRONT P8240 - P9338 - P9334 - P9735. CCB CONTINUES  
 FIGHTING WITH FIRST ARMY VIC P6275. CCR CONTINUES FIGHTING  
 VIC P8861.  
 101ST A/B DIV CONTINUES FIGHTING INSIDE ENEMY ARMD RING  
 VIC P5558.  
 26TH INF DIV HAS ELEMENTS FIGHTING AT P3952 AND AT  
 NEUFCHATEAU (P3440).

III CORPS:  
 4TH ARMD DIV: CCA ATTACKED N, REACHING LINE P5740 - P6439.  
 CCB CONTINUED ATK N, REACHING LINE P4642 - P4744 - P4748 -  
 P5349 - P5740. CCR IN RESERVE AT P5717.

XII CORPS ATKS NORTH, OBJ: LINE OF SAVER RIVER.  
 10TH ARMD DIV: CCA RELIEVED ON FRONT BY ELMS 5TH INF DIV  
 AND ASSEMBLED VIC P8823. CCB CONTINUES FIGHTING VIC  
 P5654. CCR ASSEMBLED VIC P8831.  
 5TH INF DIV: 10TH INF ATTACKED N, RELIEVING ELMS 10TH  
 ARMD DIV AND 4TH INF DIV, AND REACHED LINE L0233 - L0531.  
 4TH INF DIV: HOLDS LINE L0531 - L0732 - L1033 - L1027 -  
 L0724 - L0823 - L0220 - L0320 - L0419 - L0313 - L0106 -  
 L0304.

XX CORPS:  
 90TH INF DIV COMPLETED WITHDRAWAL FROM DILLINGEN BRIDGE-  
 HEAD AND RELIEVED 3RD CAV GP ON N.FLANK.  
 95TH INF DIV CONTINUED FIGHTING IN SAARLAUTERN BRIDGEHEAD.

- (2) IX B.C. ATTACKS TARGETS IN GERMANY; IX, XXIX AND XII TAC'S  
 OPERATE IN THE TACTICAL AREA.
2. THIS COMMAND ESCORTS IX B.C. AND SUPPORTS III, VIII, XII, AND XX  
 CORPS AND CONDUCTS ARMED RECES IN THE TACTICAL AREA.
3. A. MISSION W51-1: 354 GROUP LOADS EACH SQDN 8 A/C 3 X 260 FRAG  
 AND 8 A/C 3 X 500 AND CONDUCTS ARMED RECCE IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS  
 BY SQDNS:  
 (1) MERZIG-SAARBURG -TRIER -DOWN MOSELLE RIVER ON THE WEST  
 ALONG FRONT LINE TO MERZIG.  
 (2) MERZIG -LOSHEIM-NONNWIELER -HERMESKIEL -TRIER -  
 LOSHEIM.  
 (3) KARTLDEHRN MERZIGRICHEN -ST WENDEL -NONFELDEN -  
 PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO SECONDARY ROADS FOR TROOP  
 MOVEMENTS. TOT AT FIRST LIGHT.
- B. 361 GROUP WILL OPERATE IN SUPPORT OF HEAVY BOMBERS.
- C. MISSION AVC-1: 362 GROUP LOADS EACH SQDN 8 A/C NAPALM AND 8 A/C  
 3 X 500 AND ROCKETS AND SUPPORTS UNITS OF III CORPS. CONTACT  
 "PINKPIC" VIC P6222 FOR ASSIGNMENT TO "EGGCCUP" VIC P5121,  
 "BLUEJACKET" VIC P6922 OR "IRONCLAD" VIC P7720. 8 A/C TO BE  
 DISPATCHED AT 20 MINUTE INTERVALS BEGINNING AT FIRST LIGHT.
- D. MISSION W51-2: 365 GROUP LOADS ALL A C 3 X 500 AND CONDUCTS  
 ARMED RECCE BY SQDNS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:  
 (1) STAVELLOT K7101 - NALMERY K781A - EULLANCE K0822

AND 8 A/C 3 X 500 AND CONDUCTS ARMED RECCE IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS BY SQDNS:

- (1) MERZIG-SAARBURG -TRIER -DOWN MOSELLE RIVER ON THE WEST ALONG FRONT LINE TO MERZIG.  
 (2) MERZIG -LOSHEIM-NONNWIELER -HERMESKIEL -TRIER -LOSHEIM.  
 (3) KREITZBERG MEREKIRCHEN -ST WENDEL -NOHFELDEN -

PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO SECONDARY ROADS FOR TROOP MOVEMENTS. TOT AT FIRST LIGHT.

- B. 361 GROUP WILL OPERATE IN SUPPORT OF HEAVY BOMBERS.
- C. MISSION AVC-1: 362 GROUP LOADS EACH SQDN 8 A/C NAPALM AND 8 A/C 3 X 500 AND ROCKETS AND SUPPORTS UNITS OF III CORPS. CONTACT "PINKPIG" VIC P6222 FOR ASSIGNMENT TO "EGGCUP" VIC P5121, "BLUEJACKET" VIC P6922 OR "IRONCLAD" VIC P7226. 8 A/C TO BE DISPATCHED AT 20 MINUTE INTERVALS BEGINNING AT FIRST LIGHT.
- D. MISSION W51-2: 365 GROUP LOADS ALL A C 3 X 500 AND CONDUCTS ARMED RECCE BY SQDNS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:  
 (1) STAVELDT K7101 - MALMEDY K791A - EULANGE K3382 - HELLENTHAL P8611 - SCHNEIDER F1115 - GEMUND F1220 - ZULPICH F2333 - EUSKIRCHEN F3338 - SCHOENAN F3213 - STADTKYLL L1495 - BUTANGE K9903.  
 (2) VIELSALM P7089 - ST. VITH P8368 - STADTKYLL L1495 - BANKENHEIM F2305 - DORSET L3398 - SCHULO F4006 - ADENAU L4398 - MELBURG L4288 - PEIM L2582 - PRUM L0679 - PRONSFELD L0074.  
 (3) DIEKIRCH P8742 - VIANDEN P9049 - WAXWEILER L0267 - KYLLBURG L1261 - DAUN L3578 - VIMEN L4679 - COCHEM L5972 - WITTLICH L3954 - SPEICHER L2149.  
 TOT AT FIRST LIGHT

TURN AROUND MISSION WILL BE ASSIGNED PRIOR TO LANDING FROM FIRST MISSION. CONTACT RIPS AW ON CHARLIE CHANNEL.

- E. MISSION W51-3: 367 GROUP LOADS ALL A/C 2 X 500 AND CONDUCTS ARMED RECCE BY SQDNS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:  
 (1) BITBURG L1353 - PEIM L2582 - DAUN L3578 - MAYEN L6392 - ANDERNACH F7604 - KOBLENZ - COCHEM L5971 - TRIER.  
 (2) TRIER L2129 - WITTLICH L3954 - COCHEM L5972 - KOBLENZ - BOPPARD L9081 - SIMMERN L8554 - HERMESKIEL L4317 - NDR ZERT L2412 - TRIER.  
 (3) LEBACH Q4191 - NEUNKIRCHEN - ST WENDEL Q5996 - NOHFELDEN L5710 - OBERSTEIN L7123 - BAD KREUZNACH M0939 - BINGEN - LAUTERECKEN L9017 - HOMBURG - NEUNKIRCHEN.

CONTACT RIPS AW ON CHARLIE CHANNEL. TOT AT FIRST LIGHT. SECOND MISSION WILL BE ASSIGNED PRIOR TO LANDING FROM FIRST MISSION.

- F. MISSION W51-4: 368 GROUP LOADS ALL A/C 3 X 500 AND ROCKETS AS FAR AS AVAILABLE AND CONDUCTS ARMED RECCE AND ATTACKS TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY IN THE BREAK THROUGH AREA: MALMEDY-ST VITH -WILTZ -BASTOGNE-ST HUBERT. CONTACT RIPS AW ON CHARLIE CHANNEL FOR TARGETS REPORTED BY TAC/R. SQDNS TO BE DISPATCHED AT 30 MINUTE INTERVALS BEGINNING AT FIRST LIGHT.
- G. MISSION HNU-1: 405 GROUP LOADS EACH SQDN 4 A/C NAPALM, 8 A/C 3 X 500 AND 4 A C 2 X M27 FRAGS AND SUPPORTS UNITS OF XII CORPS. CLEARANCE ON TARGETS IN PRIMARY TARGET AREA; RIVER LINE ETTERLERUCK (P8240) TO ECHTERNACH (L0536) NORTH ALONG EAST SIDE OF ROAD TO BITBURG (L1353), WEST OF HOSCHIEDERDICT (P8254) SOUTH ALONG WEST SIDE TO ROAD TO ETTERLERUCK (P8240). PARTICULAR ATTENTION IS TO BE PAID TO ENEMY TROOPS AND CONCENTRATIONS ON AND NEAR BRIDGES BETWEEN ETTERLERUCK (P8240) AND ECHTERNACH (L0536). BRIDGES MAY BE DESTROYED.
- IF NO TARGETS AVAILABLE IN PRIMARY AREA, TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY WILL BE ATTACKED NORTHEAST THEREOF AND NORTHWEST OF MOSELLE RIVER TO RHINE RIVER.
- FLIGHTS OF 8 A/C TO BE DISPATCHED AT 20 MINUTE INTERVALS BEGINNING AT FIRST LIGHT
- H. MISSION RFL-1: 406 GROUP LOADS EACH SQDN 8 A/C NAPALM AND 8 A/C 3 X 500 ALSO ROCKETS AS AVAILABLE AND SUPPORTS UNITS OF VIII CORPS. CONTACT "BLENDWELL" VIC P2225. 8 A/C FLIGHTS TO BE DISPATCHED AT 20 MINUTE INTERVALS BEGINNING AT FIRST LIGHT.

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H. MISSION RFL-1: 486 GROUP LOADS EACH SQDN 8 A/C NAPALM AND 8 A/C 3 X 500 ALSO ROCKETS AS AVAILABLE AND SUPPORTS UNITS OF VIII CORPS. CONTACT "BLENDWELL" VIC P2225. 8 A/C FLIGHTS TO BE DISPATCHED AT 20 MINUTE INTERVALS BEGINNING AT FIRST LIGHT.

X. COMBINS OF M/T AND ARMOR THAT INCLUDE BOTH GERMAN AND AMERICAN VEHICLES MAY BE ASSUMED TO BE ENEMY AND WILL BE ATTACKED.

GLO'S MUST BRIEF ALL PILOTS THOROUGHLY ON NEW THIRD ARMY AREA AND PRESENT ENEMY OPERATIONS.

NO BOMBS WILL BE RETURNED TO BASE IF FLIGHT IS ABLE TO PENETRATE INTO ENEMY HELD TERRITORY AT ANY POINT ALONG THE FRONT.

FOLLOWING ARE MOST IMPORTANT AREAS AND MAY BE COVERED BY FLIGHTS, OTHER THAN THOSE SPECIFICATELY ORDERED, AS ALTERNATE TARGETS.

(A) PONTOON BRIDGES ALONG SAUER RIVER AT P997399, L20389, L048363, L068358, L118348, L098363,

I (B) CASTLE CONTAINING IMPORTANT HQ AT F16350280.

FLIGHTS OPERATING IN THE TRIER AREA WILL PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO AREA BORDERED ON THE EAST BY SAAR RIVER, ON THE WEST THE MOSELLE RIVER AND OUR FRONT LINES ON THE SOUTH.

4. NORMAL

UNIT	R/T C/S	CHANNEL
III CORPS		
4TH ARMD DIV	EGGCUP	DOG
26TH INF DIV	BLUEJACKET -	DOG
80TH INF DIV	IRONCLAD	DOG
VIII CORPS		
19TH ARMD DIV	CASTLEGATE	BAKER
101ST A/B DIV	IN MAESTRO	BAKER
28TH INF DIV	HOPCRAFT	BAKER
XII CORPS		
4TH INF DIV	I ORGAN	BAKER
10TH ARMD DIV	MELINJAM	BAKER
XX CORPS		
6TH AMXX ARMD DIV	LIVER-	DOG
90TH INF DIV	CHASEFARM	DOG
95TH INF DIV	GINGERBREAD	DOG
TF POLK	BEECHAT	DOG

FIGHTER RECALL -ROUGH KNIGHT

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CC UNDER 1. A. (1) III US CORPS 2ND AND THIRD LINES: (P8047) AND HEDERSHUB (P7344). IT IS BELIEVED THAT THEY WERE ELEMENTS ETC...

UNDER 3. A. MISSION U51-1: (3) SHOULD BE : (3) SAARLAUTERN - NEUKIRCHEN - ST WENDEL - NOHFELDEN - KRETTNICH - MERZIG.

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FROM HQ IX TAC 252251A  
 TO HQ IX TAC REAR HQ NINTH AF MAIN HQ XIX TAC (T ALL WINGS &  
 GROUPS) HQ XXIX TAC (T ALL WINGS & GROUPS) HQ 64TH AIRDROME  
 SQDN. & ALL GROUPS 365, 366, 367, 368, 370 & 474 HQ 67TH  
 TAC/R GROUP ATTN: MAJOR WETZEL HQ 2ND TAF, MAIN ATTN: DIO M.E.W.  
 FDP ABLE VIA COURIER  
 QQY BT

SECRET OPSUM 199 FOR PERIOD FROM 1600 TO SUNSET 24 DECEMBER, 1944  
 PART IV.

Y21-2. A/R BATTLE AREA. 366 GROUP, 390 SQDN. 4 P-47'S. 1311-1315-1445-1511. LOADED 2X4 A.R. & 2X2X500 GP 1/10 1/40 ALL RET'D. CONTROLLERS HAD NO T/GS. RAN RECCE OVER BATTLE AREA. DID NOT ATTACK TRUCKS & AMBULANCE IN WOODS P-6070 DOUBTFUL OF IDENTITY.

Y21-2. A/R. 366 GROUP, 390 SQDN. 8 P-47'S. 1007-1030-1140-1205. 1 P-47 CAT AC FLAK. 1 CAT A/C TAKE OFF. LOADED 7X2X500 GP 1/10 1/40 ALL IN T/G AREA. 3X4 ROCKETS ALL T/G AREA. FOUND JERRY COLUMN P-7998 DAM 1 TANK; 3-0-0 HALF TRACKS; 15-0-4 M/T; 1-0-0 PERSONNEL CARRIER; 0-0-1 ARM. STAFF CARS; BUILDINGS DEST, BELIEVED HQ. P-7799 (WITH VEH. NEAR HOUSE)

Y21-2. A/R. 366 GROUP, 391 SQDN. 10 P-47'S. 1417-1430-1545-1603. LOADED 10X2X500 GP 1/10 1/40 ALL IN T/G AREA 3X4 ROCKETS IN T/G AREA. MARMITE GAVE AN ENEMY COLUMN AT P-756823, DAM. 1 TIGER TANK, 2 MED. TANKS, & 10 M/T.

Y21-2. A/R. 366 GROUP, 389 SQDN. 16 P-47'S. 1425-1455-1545-1622. LOADED 8X2X500 GP 1/10 1/40 ALL IN T/G AREA. 4X4 ROCKETS, 2 RET. BOMBED 50 PLUS M/T AT P-935784 CLAIM 50-0-0, ALL BUNCHED AND STANDING STILL.

X51-2 ESCORT B-26'S. MOSELLE BRIDGES. 474 GROUP ALL SQDNS. 2 MECH ABORTS. 1232-1340-1445-1544. 1 NYR P-1744, 1 DEST P-1476. 428 SQDN R/V WITH B-26'S AS BRIEFED, BOMBING EXCELLENT, BELIEVED BRIDGE L-243315 COMPLETELY DEST. AT P-8267 ON ROAD N TO S SAW 100 PLUS M/T, ARMOR & ARTY, STRAFED ROAD AND CLAIM 1 TANKER TRUCK - 30 MOTOR TRUCKS DEST, 15 MOTOR TRUCKS DAM, 1 MED. TANK DAM, 1 4 GUN FLAK BATT P-8266 SILENCED, VEHICLES SEEMED HEADED IN SOUTHERLY DIRECTION. 429 SQDN. R/V WITH B-26, BOS GOOD RESULTS, SAW 1 DIRECT HIT ON S. END BRIDGE AT L-159229. 430 SQDN R/V WITH B-26'S, BRIDGE AT L-162237 NOT DEST, BUT DAM.

Y21-5. AREA PATROL ST. VITH-MARCHE-GIVET. 370 GROUP, 401 & 420 SQDN. 20 P-38'S. 1420-1445-1610-1648. 1 P-38 MISSING. 1 P-38 DEST AT FIELD-LANDING, 2 P-38'S DAM. CAT A FLAK. LOADED 20X2X500 GP INST. 36 RET'D, 2 ON CRASHED A/C, 2 JETT. DEST 5 TRUCKS BY STRAFING, & 1 STAFF CAR P-5487.

Y21-5. AREA PATROL GIVET-MARCHE-ST. VITH. 370 GROUP, 485 SQDN. 13 P-38'S. 2 ABORTS, 1 MECH, 1 ESCORT. 1450-1500-1650-1720. LOADED 13X2X500 GP INST. 22 RET'D, 4 JETT SAFE. UNEVENTFUL PATROL.

SCRAMBLE. STRAF T/GS E. OF MEUSE RIVER. 474 GROUP, 428 SQDN. 7 P-38'S. STRAFED M/T IN TOWN CELLES P-059847 & ROAD HEADING E. & SE OUT OF TOWN. CLAIMS 4 M/T DEST, 4 LT. TANKS DAM, 1 TRUCK DEST P-0777. 1 SELF PROPELLED GUN DEST. P-063845.

SCRAMBLE. A/R E. OF MEUSE RIVER. 474 GROUP, 429 SQDN. 7 P-38'S. 1630-1705-1735. 15 PLUS VEHICLES E. OF BOURDON P-3486 ON ROAD HEADED NE TOWARD HOTTON P-3788, CLAIM 3 M/T DEST, SET FIRE TO BUILDINGS IN BOURDON.

SCRAMBLE. A/R E. OF MEUSE RIVER. 474 GROUP, 430 SQDN. 10 P-38'S. 1550-

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SCRAMBLE. STRAF T/GS E. OF MEUSE RIVER. 474 GROUP, 428 SQDN. 7 P-38'S.  
STRAFED M/T IN TOWN CELLES P-055847 & ROAD HEADING E. & SE OUT OF TOWN.  
CLAIMS 4 M/T DEST, 4 LT. TANKS DAM, 1 TRUCK DEST P-0777. 1 SELF PRO-  
PELLED GUN DEST. P-063845.

SCRAMBLE. A/R E. OF MEUSE RIVER. 474 GROUP, 429 SQDN. 7 P-38'S. 1630-  
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SCRAMBLE. A/R E. OF MEUSE RIVER. 474 GROUP, 430 SQDN. 10 P-38'S. 1550-  
1605-1625-1726. 1550-1625-1625-1726. 1 P-38 CAT C HIT A TREE. STRAFED  
TRUCKS P-1377 MOVING WEST IN AREA ON SECOND. 2 MED TANKS DAM, MOVING EAST. FROM ROCHEFORT P-2476, ALSO 2 M/T DAM.

THE FOLLOWING MISSIONS WERE FLOWN UNDER XIX TAC CONTROL:

W51-4. A/R. 368 GROUP, 396 SQDN. 12 P-47'S. 0906-0942-1100-1135. LOADED  
10 X 3 X 500 GP 1/10 1/40 & 2 X 2 X 500 GP 1/10 1/40, 31 T/G AREA,  
3 RET'D. FOUND CONCENTRATION OF 12 TANKS ON ROAD AND IN WOODS AT  
P-957972 WELL CAMOUFLAGED WITH BRUSH,  
CLAIM: 1 DEST, 3 DAM, HITS IN  
WOODS, NRO.

W51-3. A/R KOBLENZ. 367 GROUP, 394 SQDN. 12 P-38'S. 0955-1020-1110-  
1145. 2 A/C MISSING 1 DEST. 2 DAM. CAT E. & A DEST. 190'S, 2 PROB.  
9 DAM. LOADED 12 X 2 X 500 GP TAIL FUSING. 22 JETT. 2 RET'D. JETT.  
BOMBS AT L-3024. UPON ENTERING A/R AREA OVER TRIER 1020 HRS  
AT 13,000 FT. SQDN. WAS ATTACKED FROM 4 O'CLOCK BY 2 FLIGHTS, 12 EACH  
FW 190'S, ABOVE CLAIMS RESULTED.

W51-2. A/R STAVELOT-MALMEDY AREA. 365 GROUP, 388 SQDN. 14 P-47'S.  
1 MECH ABORT. 0914-0948-1125-1148. 2 NYR (BELEIVED LANDED AT FRIENDLY  
FIELD). LOADED 14 X 2 X 500 GP INST. 22 IN T/G AREA 4 JETT. IN BATTLE  
AREA, 2 RET'D. BOMBED 2 H/D VEH & 1 ARM. VEH. 2 H/D VEH DEST,  
& 1 ARM. VEH. DAM K-5500. BOMBED 3 ARM. VEH P-5593 CLAIM: 0-0-1. AT  
P-5598 CLAIM 1 M/T DEST, 1 ARM. VEH. DAM. AT P-5895 IN WOODS, 2 ARM. VEH  
CLAIM 1-1-0. AT P-5492 STRAFED 5 M/T & ARM. VEH. NRO. SQDN. UNDER  
CONTROL OF WETRAG.

W51-3. A/R TRIER AREA. 367 GROUP, 392 SQDN. 10 P-38'S. 0955-1038-1123-  
1200. LOADED 10 X 2X 500 GP 11 SEC. TAIL FUSING. ALL IN T/G AREA.  
A/R EXECUTED IN AREA AS BRIEFED, NO T/GS FOUND ALONG ROAD OR RAILWAY. ALL  
BOMBS WERE DROPPED IN TRIER. 7 COLUMNS OF SMOKE OBS. IN CITY UPON  
APPROACH. 3 ADDITIONAL FIRES STARTED FROM THIS BOMBING. DUE TO HAZE  
IN AREA, OBSERVATIONS COULD NOT BE DETERMINED.

W51-2. A/R IN AREA DIEKIRCH-VIANDEN. 365 GROUP, 386 SQDN. 14 P-47'S.  
0930-1010-1130-1154. LOADED 14 X 2 X 500 GP INST, ALL IN T/G AREA.  
WETRAG DIRECTED BOMBING T/G P-715995 S. OF STAVELOT WHERE ALL BOMBS  
DROPPED ON 8-10 VEH. HEADED N. AT 1150 HRS. CLAIMS: 4-0-2. ALSO  
STRAFED 8 HALF TRACKS & 3 TANKS JUST E. OF STAVELOT HEADED E.  
AT 1152 HRS. CLAIMS 3-0-1. TROOPS IN 2 STATIONARY M/T IN SAME AREA  
DISPERSED WHEN ATTACKED AND SEVERAL STRAFED, UNABLE TO ASSESS  
CASUALTIES, CLAIM: M/T 2-0-0. 1 BLDG BLEW UP WHEN ATTACKED IN STAVELOT.  
1 GUN POS. STRAFED & SILENCED AT P-715900.

W54-4. A/R MELMEDY AREA. 368 GROUP, 397 SQDN. 16 P-47'S. 0940-1000-1120-  
1207. 1 P-47 DEST P-532876 FLAK. 3 DAM. 1 CAT A FLAK. 1 CAT FA FLAK.  
AND OWN BOMBS. LOADED 6X3X500 1/10 1/40. 6X2X500 GP 1/10 1/40 & 4XA  
AR 5 IN. ROCKETS, 6 AR RET'D. INSTEAD III CALLED FORHELP, GAVE  
POOR DIRECTIONS, 19 BOMBS ON TOWN FREYNEUX P 515863. 11 BOMBS ON  
TROOPS AND VEHICLES E. OF TOWN P-519862, NRO. STRAFED & FIRED ROCKETS

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AREA, 2 RET'D. BOMBS 2 M/T DEST. & 1 ARM. VEH. DAM X-3508. BOMBED 3 ARM. VEH P-5593 CLAIMS 6-8-1. AT P-5596 CLAIM 1 M/T DEST. 1 ARM. VEH. DAM. AT P-5895 IN WOODS, 2 ARM. VEH CLAIM 1-1-8. AT P-5492 STRAFED 5 M/T & ARM. VEH. NRO. SQDN. UNDER CONTROL OF WETAG.

W51-3. A/R TRIER AREA. 367 GROUP, 392 SQDN. 16 P-38'S. 8955-1038-1123-1200. LOADED 18 X 2X 500 GP 11 SEC. TAIL FUSING. ALL IN T/G AREA. A/R EXECUTED IN AREA AS BRIEFED, NO T/GS FOUND ALONG ROAD OR RAILWAY. ALL BOMBS WERE DROPPED IN TRIER. 7 COLUMNS OF SMOKE OBS. IN CITY UPON APPROACH. 3 ADDITIONAL FIRES STARTED FROM THIS BOMBING. DUE TO HAZE IN AREA, OBSERVATIONS COULD NOT BE DETERMINED.

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W54-4. A/R MELMEDY AREA. 368 GROUP, 397 SQDN. 16 P-47'S. 8940-1000-1120-1207. 1 P-47 DEST P-532876 FLAK. 3 DAM. 1 CAT A FLAK. 1 CAT FA FLAK. ANXXXXXXXXX

AND OWN BOMBS. LOADED 6X3X500 1/10 1/40. 6X2X500 GP 1/10 1/40 & 4X4 AR 5 IN. ROCKETS, 6 AR RET'D. INSTEAD III CALLED FORHELP, GAVE POOR DIRECTIONS. 19 BOMBS ON TOWN FREYNEUX P 519863. 11 BOMBS ON TROOPS AND VEHICLES E. OF TOWN P-519862, NRO. STRAFED & FIRED ROCKETS NEAR P-519862 CLAIMS: M/T 12-0-13, ARM. VEH. 12-0-14.

W51-4. A/R MALMEDY AREA. 368 GROUP, 395 SQDN. 14 P-47'S. 1006-1040 1150-1237. LOADED 3X2X500 GP 1/10 1/40 & 11X3X500 GP 1/10 1/40. 37 IN T/G AREA, 2 RET'D. P-533831 DEST. 1 TANK, DAM 1 TANK, DEST 1 M/T, AND ATTACKED WOODS WHERE FLAK WAS COMING UP, NRO. 3 FT. BAND, IN CIRCLE 20 FEET DIAMETER AT P-568827; LARGE WHITE "F" 200 FT. LONG AT P-4496.

W51-2. DIELSAN-ST.VITH. 365 GROUP, 387 SQDN, 14 P-47'S. 1006-1040 1150-1237. LOADED 3X2X500 GP 1/10 1/40 & 11X3X500 GP 1/10 1/40. 37 IN T/G AREA, 2 RET'D. P-8990 DROPPED 8 ON 5 OR 6 M/T MOVING INTO TOWN CLAIM / 3-0-1. P-8890 3 GROUPS OF APPROX 5 M/T & HALF TRACKS IN TOWN CLAIM. 6-3-2, 2 HOUSES BLEW UP.

W51-3. A/R HOMBURG-OBERSTEIN-BAD KREUZNACH. 367 GROUP, 393 SQDN, 12 P-38'S. 1022-1114-1144-1258. LOADED 12X2X500 GP 8-11. 24 IN T/G AREA. L-6413 4 NEAR MISSES ON SMALL M/Y NRO. L-6518 15-20 RR CARS WITHOUT LOCO, 4 DIRECT HITS, AND 4 NEAR MISSES DEST 8-10 CARS. L-7223 2 DIRECT HITS ON 3 RR CARS AT ENTRANCE TO TUNNEL, CARS DEST AND TUNNEL BLOCKED 2 DIRECT HITS ON TRACK NEAR NE END OF TUNNEL CUTTING RAILS & BELIEVED TO HAVE DAMAGED TUNNEL ENTRANCE, BELIEVED TRAIN IN TUNNEL. L-6924 2 DIRECT HITS ON TRAIN OF 25-35 CARS & LOCO HEADING NW, HITS IN CENTER OF TRAIN, DEST. 6 CARS, DAM. 4.

W51-2. A/R ST. VITH-MALMEDY. 365 GROUP, 388 SQDN, 16 P-47'S. 1304-1344-1450-1516. 1 P-47 CAT AC FLAK. 1 CAT A FROM DEBRIS, LOADED 16X2X500 GP ALL IN T/G AREA. VIC. P-9589 CLAIM 21-0-2 M/T. P-9088 4-0-2 M/T, 1 SELF PROPELLED GUN AT P-9685 STRAFED AND DAM. AT P-8594 TOWN BOMBED, NRO.

W51-2. DIEKERCH-DINANT AREA. 365 GROUP, 386 SQDN, 14 P-47'S 1344-1419-1530-1559. LOADED 4X2X500 GP INST. ALL IN T/G AREA. ALL BOMBS DROPPED ON TOWN BELIEVED BITBURG L-1353 CLAIM 2-1-1 ARM, VEH. 14-0-3 M/T, CRYSTAL BALLS AT 8,000 FT IN T/G AREA.

W51-4. A/R. 368 GROUP, 396 SQDN, 12 P-47'S. 1308-1345-1500-1520. 3 P-47'S CAT A FLAK. LOADED 9X3X500 & 3X2X500 GP 1/10 1/40. 31 IN T/G AREA. 2 JETT P-8584 ARMED. BLANWALL ASKED FOR RECCE NW ROCHERACH K-978048 CONCENTRATION 15-20 M/T F-000093 7-8 M/T DEST. 7 M/T DAM. SQW 150 ENEMY M/T P-878883 TP P-927879, 3 BOMBS DEST. 4 M/T, MOVING WEST.

W51-3. A/R TRIER, 367 GROUP, 394 SQDN, 12 P-38'S. 1333-1520-1535 1604. LOADED 2X12X500 GP 8-11, ALL IN T/G AREA. L-4352 M/Y BOMBED & STRAFED CONTAINING 1 LOCO, & 200 BOX CARS, LOCO DEST. TRACKS CUT IN 6 PLACES, NRO ON BOX CARS. HIT BUILDINGS SOUTH END OF M/Y, FIRES RESULTED. L-3954 8,000 FT. SQW "NARROW RUNWAY" THE CENTER OF RUNWAY WAS CUT OUT OF THE SIDE OF A HILL W-SE. AT 5 END SAW

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K-978948 CONCENTRATION 15-28 M/T F-808993 7-8 M/T DEST.  
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W51-2. A/R. ST. VITH-MALMEDY. 365 GROUP, 387 SQDN, 16 P-47'S.  
1424-1500-1635-1656. 2 P-47'S CAT A CLAK. LOADED 16X2X500 GP ALL  
IN T/G AREA. AT P-9846 BOMBED TOWN & VEH. KRUCHTEN CLAIM 5-0-2  
OF 10 STATIONARY VEH.

W51-4. A/R BREAK THROUGH AREA. 368 GROUP, 396 SQDN, 16 P-47'S  
2 ABORTS. 1 RADIO, 1 ESCORT. LOADED 7X3X500 GP & 5X2X500 GP  
1/10 1/40. & 4X4X5 IN. A/R ROCKETS RET'D 8 ROCKETS. 31 BOMBS IN  
T/G AREA. DIRECTED TO SCHLEIDEN F-1115 BY SWEEPSTAKES. ALL BOMBS  
ON AREA WITH EXCELLENT RESULTS. PROB FUEL DUMP DEST. MUCH SMOKE &  
FLAMES. M/Y NEARBY HIT, 50-100 CARS IN YARD 25 DEST. AT P-5187 8  
ROCKETS FIRED AT 2 TANKS. DEST. 1. NOTICED TANKS CAMOUFLAGED WITH  
IRREGULAR WHITE PATCHES TO RESEMBLE SNOW.

W51-3. A/R OBERSTEIN L-7123. 367 GROUP, 393 SQDN, 12 P-38'S  
1 MECH ABORT. 1432-1510-1555-1650. LOADED 12X2X500 GP INST. .025.  
21 IN T/G AREA. 1 JETT, 2 RET'D. L-97PQ BOMB HITS ON 40 PLUS RR  
CARS WITHOUT LOCO, 10 PLUS CARS DEST. 3 BURNING WITH VERY RED  
CLARE & BLACK SMOKE. 2 BOMBS LANDED ON HILLSIDE CAUSING WHITE  
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FIRST U. S. ARMY AND IX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND  
SUMMARY OF AIR OPERATIONS FOR 23 DECEMBER 1944

SUMMARY OF AIR PLAN FOR THE DAY

PLAN "A" (In effect if enemy crosses Meuse River)

Of the available air effort, 50% will be under the operational control of XIX TAC; 33% will cover every road for movement in the area bounded by O-7788 (Florennes) to O-9284 (Hastiere) to O-063993 (Miviere) to O-7788 (Florennes); 17% will give close support to the 30th Infantry Division.

PLAN "B" (In effect if enemy does not cross Meuse River)

Of the available air effort 50% will be under the operational control of XIX TAC; 16.7% will give close support to the 82nd Airborne Division; 16.7% will give close support to the 1st Infantry Division; and 16.6% will give close support to the 30th Infantry Division.

The 422nd Night Fighter Squadron will conduct night operations.

SUMMARY OF GROUND PLAN FOR THE DAY

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1	FUSA	Y21-1	Plan "A", rd movement in area bounded by 07788 to 09284 to 0963293 to 07789. Later cancelled. Plan "B", close support for 82nd Inf Div.	All Day	1125-1130	0230	Could not contact Berger. 8 different divisions called for support. Bombed St Vith, cut secondary rd at P5789 & RR at P8390. 1 A/C lost.	370	12 P-38 1 Abort	24x1000GP 6 ret'd	8-11
2	FUSA	Y21-1	Plan "B", close support for the 82nd Inf Div.	All Day	1253-1340	0230	14 bombs on town of Krombach P8486, 12 direct hits.	370	10 P-38	26x1000GP 4 ret'd 2 jett	Inst
3	FUSA	Y21-2	Plan "A", cover rd movements in area 07788 to 0843694 to 09284 to 07788, later cancelled. Plan "B", support the 1st Inf Div.	All Day	1445-1600	0230	Under Marmite control bombed 25 veh at P7290 6 M/T dest, 3 M/T & 1 tnk dngd. 1 A/C dest.	474	12 P-38	16x1000GP 8x5000GP 2 jett	Inst Inst
4	FUSA	Y21-2	Plan "B", support the 1st Inf Div.	All Day	1202-1335	0230	10 plus trks & 1 staff car bombed on rd at F1817. Town of Scheven F1919 bombed. Cut rd at F1817 in 4 places & dest 6 trks & 1 jeep. dngd 8 trks.	474	12 P-38	24x1000GP	Inst
5	FUSA	Y21-3	Support 30th Inf Div.	All Day		0230	Cancelled.	356			
6	FUSA	Y21-4	Support 3rd Arm'd Div.	CAF		1458	Cancelled.	356			
7	FUSA	Y21-5	Support 3rd Arm'd Div.	CAF		1458	Cancelled.	370			
8	FUSA	Y21-6	A/A from 97039-8568-41495-12505-43398-14006-44598-4288-2582-0679-0074. A/A of Sauer River from junction with Moselle to Bickirch.	CAF	1545-1615	1449	Atkd 3 tnks at P407897, unable to contact Inkstand, vectored to Marmite.	370	11 P-38	22x1000GP 6 ret'd 2 jett	Inst
9	IX AF	X51-1	Escort medium bombers in Neuhem P9658, area.	23 Dec	1530-1625	0500	Uneventful.	367	11 P-38	None	
10	IX AF	X51-1	Escort medium bombers in Zulpich F2333, area.	23 Dec	1500-1625	0508	Uneventful.	367	12 P-38	None	
11	IX AF	X51-1	Escort medium bombers in Zulpich F2333, area.	23 Dec	1507	0508	No bombers contacted. Joined fight of 4 F-4 & 4 FW 190's. Claim 3 dest & 1 dngd.	367	12 P-38	None	
12	IX AF	X51-1	Escort medium bombers to Mayen L6303.	23 Dec	1025	0508	Bombers arrived early & E/A were attacking. Upon approach E/A broke away. Escorted bombers cut of fat.	367	11 P-38	None	

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13	IX AF	X51-1	Escort medium bombers to F3329.	23 Dec	1115	0508	Escorted bombers to Luskirchen & obs direct hits in town. At 1120, 24 plus ME 109's jumped bombers. Claim 11-1-4. 1 A/C lost.	367	12 F-38	None	
14	IX AF	X51-1	Escort medium bombers to F5	23 Dec	1111	0508	Uneventful, results of bombing appeared poor.	367	10 F-38	None	
15	IX AF	X51-2	Escort medium bombers to L572071.	23 Dec	0919-1931	0508	Aborted due to weather.	365	16 F-47	None	
16	FUSA	W51-4	Armd recce Trier area.	All Day	0937-1215	0508	38 plus FW 190's attacking B-26's at L6090, bounced E/A & claim 12 FW 190's dest, 1 ME 109 dest & 1 FW 190 dmd.	368	16 F-47 1 Abort	32x500GP 2 ret'd 30 jett	1/10- 1/40
17	FUCA	W51-4	Armd recce Trier area.	All Day	1100-1229	0508	Bombed train, 20-30 cars dest, many dmd in W/Y at L7023, good results on 100 cars in yard. Strafed train of goods cars at L9033, 20 dmd. Fired rockets at 22 oil cars at M0634, all hit, dest 1 box car & control house in W/Y.	368	16 F-47	20x500GP 2 jett 2 ret'd 12 R.P. 8 ret'd	Inst
18	FUCA	W51-4	Armd recce Trier area.	All Day	1450-1600	0508	Engaged 32 E/A, claim 12 FW 190's dest, 3 ME 109's dest & 3 FW 190's dmd. Rockets fired at E/A. 2 A/C, NYR.	368	16 F-47	16x500GP All jett	1/1 - 1/4
19	FUCA	W51-4	Armd recce Trier area.	All Day	1605-1110	0508	In W/Y at L6393 & locos & 15 cars dest, 15 cars dmd. Track cut at L5882.	368	15 F-47	22x500GP 16 R.P.	1/10- 1/40 ret'd
20	FUCA	O.C. 286	Scramble mission.	SAP	1115	23 Dec	Bombed & strafed mixed armor at F7089, WRO except for 1 W/T dest.	474	4 P-38	6x500GP 6 ret'd	0-11
21	FUCA	O.C. 286	Weather recce.	23 Dec	1405-1445-0955-1645	23 Dec	Uneventful.	422	2 P-61	None	
22	FULA	Y21-4	<u>DELAYED REPORT</u> Night intruder mission for L/A.	All Night	1910-2137	22 Dec	1 GCI, 1 AI contact, 1 visual & 1 ME 111 dest.	422	3 P-61 1 Abort	None	

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HEADQUARTERS  
360TH FIGHTER GROUP

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AFO 595, US Army,  
23 December 1944.

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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 : 360th Fighter Group, statistical Officer.

REF : Oprop A No. 297 for 24 hours ending sunset 22 December 1944.  
Operations Order No. 285, Para. 2, Mission Y21-1, IX Tactical  
Air Command.

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

For the Commanding Officer:

FRANKIE D POWELL  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Asst. Adjutant.

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Opflash No. 1 Site 84 Date 23 Dec Given To: Op 8055

A. O.C.# WJ-4 Hour 1715

Target A/R Triox

B. Group No. 368 - 396 No. A/C Dispatched 16

No. Abortives 1 - Mechanical

C. T/U 0937 T.O.T. \_\_\_\_\_ T/O 12:15

Our A/C Casualties 2d Lt Joseph S. Busenbark - belly in airplane

Enemy A/C Destroyed 13 Probable 0 Damaged 1

Personnel Killed \_\_\_\_\_ Wounded \_\_\_\_\_ Missing \_\_\_\_\_

E. Result 1/4 - 1/6

Remarks: Using 16x2x500 SP A/C Escort

F. MGS in Target Area \_\_\_\_\_ Jettisoned 30 Returned 2

approx L-6489

F. Enemy Aircraft \_\_\_\_\_

FLAK: H. Wh. Trace L-3373

G. VITAL INFORMATION:

WEATHER: \_\_\_\_\_

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2117 Sumbac	1-0-0	1-190
Capt. Boes	2-0-0	2-190
Lt. Tullis	3-0-0	1-190 2-190
Capt. Henry	0-0-1	1-190
Lt. Kieckhefer	1-0-0	1-190
Lt. Newhart	1-0-0	1-190
Lt. Bergendine	1-0-0	1-190
Lt. Dixon	1-0-0	1-190
Lt. Hansen	1-0-0	1-190
Lt. Grace	1-0-0	1-190
Lt. Buesenbark	1-0-0	1-190

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OFFFLASH

Opflash No. 2 Site 84 Date 23 Dec Given To: Colt Dickson

A. O.C.# W51-4 Hour 1825

Target formed 10000 T-20, H. on

B. Group No. 368 - 377 No. A/C Dispatched 16

No. Abortives 2-51 mech

C. T/U 1012 T.O.T. 1100 - 1220 T/T 1235 (1630)

D. Our A/C Casualties

Enemy A/C Destroyed \_\_\_\_\_ Probable \_\_\_\_\_ Damaged \_\_\_\_\_

Personnel Killed \_\_\_\_\_ Wounded \_\_\_\_\_ Missing \_\_\_\_\_

E. Result 6 x 4 x 5" AR <sup>1015</sup>

Plane 10x2 x 500 GP A/C Escort \_\_\_\_\_

F. Missions at Area 16 Jettisoned 2 Returned 2

Train & M/V at Obanah <sup>Manual (fell NE of base)</sup>  
 Results of good - 20<sup>th</sup> 30 cars 1000 yards  
 6 wrecks at (Mongyongon L-9033) at base  
 35 cars good - 10 cars (near mine)  
 1st car pulled hit by strafing - ~~20~~ 20 cars  
 2nd car - M 506341 - 10 wrecks - 22  
 3rd car - hit for car & base (both  
 exploded). All oil cars hit by strafing.

F. Enemy Aircraft 22 down

FIAX: L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z

G. VITAL INFORMATION:

6 wrecks (M & staff) at Brigat M-0532  
 Steamy train - Membarba G-6083  
 in M/V contact  
 Could not get Pissvan - other squadron  
 had trouble also.

H. BATHER: 10/10 54 72  
Wick poor

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Opflash No. 3 Site 94 Date 23 Dec Given To: Col. [unclear]A. O.C.# W 51-4 Hour 18:30Target A/R via Triax [unclear]B. Group No. 368 - 395 No. A/C Dispatched 15 P47

No. Abortives \_\_\_\_\_

C. T/U 09:10 T.O.T. 1005-1015-110 T/D 1140 (165)

D. Cur A/C Casualties \_\_\_\_\_

Enemy A/C Destroyed \_\_\_\_\_ Probable \_\_\_\_\_ Damaged \_\_\_\_\_

Personnel Killed \_\_\_\_\_ Wounded \_\_\_\_\_ Missing \_\_\_\_\_

E. Result 4x4-5<sup>th</sup> HR MIRemarks: using 11x2x5-50% A/C EscortItems in set area all Jettisoned \_\_\_\_\_ Returned 16 HR

- 1) L-6393  
Maganne - My (16 x 500)  
21.3 down + 15 can det., 15 can [unclear]
- 2) [unclear] (2 x 500) [unclear] on 1 [unclear]
- 3) L-5882 (4 x 500) - Outback in place

F. Enemy Aircraft \_\_\_\_\_

FIK: L-6293 [unclear]P-9065 [unclear]

G. VITAL INFORMATION:

central  
1/2 sec S. of Kobany 810000usH. WEATHER: High 2000 CAVV on eye

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## MISSION REPORT

OPSEFLASH # 1, 23 December 1944

- A. OO # W51-4 - Ripsaw 5 (19th TAC)  
15 P-47's dispatched, nil aborts
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron  
15 P-47's dispatched, nil aborts
- C. 0910 1005 1015 1110 1140
- D. Nil
- E. ~~XXXX~~ 11 x 2 x 500 GP 1/10 - 1/40  
4 x 4 x Rockets 5" Mark I  
The rockets were returned when they landed at A-82 and were disposed of on the second mission. The 500 pounders were dropped on tgts of opportunity. All bombs in tgt area. Mayen which is at L6393 M/Yards was attacked and 12 bombs were dropped destroying 3 locomotives, 15 goods wagons and damaging 15 others. The second tgt was Cochen L5882 where 4 bombs were dropped with near-miss on a train. (Locomotive) The last 6 bombs were dropped on Kisersesch (L5781) No results reported to me.
- F. 1) Nil  
2) Mayen (6393) Light, intense, inaccurate
- G. This was an ordinary mission and the pilots did not have anything to report other than that it was a milk-run.
- H. Over Tgt - haze up to 2000' - CAVU -

THEODORE F SKALKO  
1st. Lt., Air Corps,  
Intelligence Officer.

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Opflash No. 4 Site 87 Date 23 Dec Given To: \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. O.C.# W 51-41 Hour \_\_\_\_\_  
 Target Amved 10000 Tons. Wagon  
 B. Group No. 368 395 No. A/C Dispatched 12  
 No. Abortives \_\_\_\_\_  
 C. T/U 1435 T.O.T. 1435-1455-1600 T/D 1633  
 D. Our A/C Casualties 5 - Out AC - 2/a  
 Enemy A/C Destroyed 5-16 Probable 0 Damaged 5-190  
 Personnel Killed 3-100 Wounded W/A Missing 27  
 E. Result 4 Johnston at 1-78  
4x4-5" AR-MI  
 Remains 8x2x500 40-40 A/C Escort  
 F. Losses in the Area \_\_\_\_\_ Jettisoned 16 Returned \_\_\_\_\_  
AR fired at 2/a

F. Enemy Aircraft 30 + Four 190's at 1000 at 1600 12,000

Kempt A/D 4-7298 one tough found in power stroke

FIAC: Tories - 14 M.A. down Very aggressive

L-7298 L, Lt

5 shooting down droppings

P-90-5 14, 11h, acc

G. VITAL INFORMATION:

White plane seen to indicate 2/a -  
P-38's ~~4-7298~~ found on + down  
one long ship threat the droppings - ~~4-7298~~ changed  
by their maneuvering. We had to break off trail of 119.  
Sound planned well etc etc - & still kept to avoid being shot by  
1 P-47 seen going low kept turning in. 838

H. WEATHER: 1515 clouds stopped when reached alt of

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Lt. Perry	7-0-0	190	
Lt. Juby	1-0-0	AD	
Lt. Matthews	3-0-0	2-107	1-190
Lt. Wayland	3-0-1	2-190	1-107 (1-190)
Lt. Huff	1-0-0	1-190	
Lt. Albridge	1-0-1	1-190	
Lt. Smith	2-0-1	190	

Lt. Foltz 15-0-3  
 1-0-2 190  
 Retd. fr. A69-12-24-54  
 16-0-3

P-38's in area.

190's - shot nose, radial, blue  
 bellid. They banded us

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

DB-4

397th Ftr Sqdn S-2 Rpt on a ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Armed Recce, Dive Bombing, and Rocket Mission, Sqn Mission No. 318\*\*\* 23 December 1944

- A. Opns O No. \_\_\_\_\_, W51-4 Miss No for day ONE 23 December 1944.  
Armed Recce from Neunkirchen to Nohfelden to Oberstein to Bad Kreuznach to Bingen to Homburg. Dive bombing, rocket firing and strafing.
- B. 368th Ftr Gp -- 397th Ftr Sqdn -- 16 A/C Disp -- 2 Abortives - one because Propeller ran away and one as wing man of first abortive and because radio was out.
- C. UP: 1012 - Crossed b/line on way in at 1100 - crossed b/line on way out at 1220 -  
Down: Planes landed at strip A 82 (U502719) in accordance with prearranged plan. There landed here at 1235. They landed at base at strip A84 at 1630. They flew directly from A82 to A84 without engaging in a mission.
- D. Nil.
- E. 10 x 2 x 500lb GP bombs inst nose, inst tail. 6 x 4 x 5" AR Mark I rockets 15/1000 second fixed base fuse. - 16 bombs in tgt area - 2 bombs jettisoned unarmed by one abortive just northeast of A84 in a big open pasture - 2 bombs returned to base (A84) by an abortive - 8 rockets returned to base. L 7023. Results were fair. Our planes dropped 16 bombs on a train in a marshalling yard at Oberstein, ~~L7023~~ ~~EX1023~~. 6 rockets were fired at a train consisting of 30 to 35 goods and oil cars at Monzingen, L9033. There was no engine on this train. Results were fair (near misses on near side of train) Ten rockets were fired at 22 oil cars, one box car and a railroad house at Nornheim, M0634. The box car and the railroad house exploded. Strafing:  
Capt Dame and Lt White~~xxxx~~ scored very good hits on the oil cars attacked at M Monzingen, L9033. Capt Krause scored very good hits on the 22 cars attacked at Nornheim, M0634.
- F. Light, mod, acc AA at the tgt at Oberstein, L7023.
- G. Six vehicles - a few trucks and a few light vehicles (perhaps staff cars) - were seen at Bingert, M0532. these vehicles were not attacked because AT THAT TIME our planes were attacking oil cars. A steaming train was seen in a marshalling yard at Neunkirchen, Q 6083. This train was not attacked because of the thick cloud coverage and poor visibility besides our planes were low on gas.
- H. No cloud cover north of tgt area. From the northern boundary of the tgt area from some distance to the south there was almost complete cloud cover - haze layer and low Stratus clouds - base at the deck - top at 3500! Visibility was bad for armed ~~xxxx~~ recce above it was good.
- I. Sqn code not used.
- J. Ground Control: was none. Sweepstakes and Ripsaw were called but there was no answer.

BOMBS:	CARBINE	KOSTRACK	WEINSTEIN	EVANS
	BENDER (ABORT)	WRIGHT (ABORT)	HOGAN	YANDEL
	DAME	WHITE		
ROCKETS			CLARY	PATRICK
	KRAUSE	THORNTON	HELLIESEN	KALEN

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

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2 JETT. UNDER MARCHE CONTROL NOTED 25 ENEMY VEHICLES AT P-7150. NEAR  
TOWN. 4 DIRECT HITS ON ROAD, NEAR 4 TANKS AND MANY VEH. 6 M/T DEST,  
3 M/T DAM, 1 TANK DAM.

U51-4. A/R TRIER VIC. 368 GROUP, 397 SQDN, 16 P-47'S. 2 NECH ABORTS.  
1 R

DIO ABORT. 1612-1100-1220-1335 (AT A-82) 1630 (AT A-84) LOADED  
16X2X500 GP INST ~~XXXX~~ 6X2X5 IN. A/R 16 BOMBS T/G AREA 2 JETT. 2 RET'D  
6 ROCKETS RET'D BOMBED A TANK TRAIN 20-30 CARS DEST. MANY DAM.  
IN M/Y OVXX OBERSTEIN L-7023. GOOD RESULTS ON 100 CARS IN YARD. FIRED  
6 ROCKETS. AND STRAFED TRAIN OF GOODS CARS AT NONZINGEN L-9033. 20 DAM.  
FIRED 10 ROCKETS AT 22 OIL CARS AT NORNHEIM M-0634. ALL OIL CARS HITS,  
DEST 1 BOX CAR AND CONTROL HOUSE IN M/Y.

X51-1 AIR COVER FOR BOMBERS AREA NEUBERG P-9658 367 GROUP, 294 SQDN.  
11 P-38'S 1445-1530-1625-1656. UNEVENTFUL AREA PATROL FOR B-26'S.

X51-1. AIR PATROL ZULPICH F-2333. 367 GROUP, 393 SQDN, 12 P-38. 1400-  
1500-1625-1657. UNEVENTFUL AREA COVER.

X51-1 AREA PATROL ZULPICH F-2333. 367 GROUP 392 SQDN, 12 P-38'S. 1425-  
1507-1630. 3 FW 190 DEST. 1 FW 190 DAM. SQDN ARRIVED AT ASSIGNED AREA  
AT 1515. NO BOMBER OBS. WHILE CIRCLING A DOG FIGHT WAS OBS. BETWEEN AX  
4 P-47'S AND A XXX 4 FW-190'S AT 15,000 ATF-1520. 4 FW 190'S URXX WERE  
OBS. AT 15,000 (CIRCLING) AVXX ABOVE FLIGHT, SQDN. CLIMBED UP-SUN  
ABOVE 4 FW 190'S AND DOVE ATTACKING AT 1520 HRS. WITH AVXX ABOVE CLAIMS.

U-51-4. A/R TRIER AREA. 368 GROUP, 395 SQDN, 12 P-47'S. 1435-1450-1600-  
1630. 5 P-47'S DAM. CAT AC E/A. 2 P-47'S NSR. 12 FW 190 DESTROYED. 3  
ME 109'S DEST. 3 FW 190'S DAMAGED. LOADED 4X4 AR 5 IN. MARK 1. & 5X2X500  
GP 1/10 1/40 JETT ALL BOMBS. L-7290 ARMED. FIRED ROCKETS AT E-XXX E/A.  
30 PLUS 190'S & 109'S WERE ENGAGED IN TWO FLIGHTS OF 16 EACH. WHILE ONE  
FLIGHT STAYED IN FRONT THE OTHER BOUNCED FROM A HIGHER ALTITUDE. E/A WERE  
VERY AGGRESSIVE. AT 12,000 FT OVER KRUFF A/D L-7290. OBS. WHITE ROCKETS  
GO UP AS WARNING TO E/A.

U51-4. A/R TRIER AREA. 368 GROUP, 395 SQDN, 15 P-47'S. 0910-1005-1110-  
1140 AT A-82. 1640 AT A-84. LOADED 11X2X500 GP 1/10 1/40. 4X4X5 IN.  
ROCKETS. ALL BOMBS IN T/G AREA. ROCKETS RET'SXXX RET'D. M/Y L-6393  
MAYNE 2 LOCOS & 15 CARS DEST. 15 CARS DAM. NEAR MISSES ON 1 LOCEXXX  
LOCO AT L-5872 COCHEM. TRACK CUT AT L-5882.

67TH AC/R GROUP

A. 13 MISSIONS

B. 21 SORTIES	14 TAC/R	12 SUCCESSFUL	2 UNSUCCESSFUL WEATHER
	12 ARTY/R	2 "	
	5 PHOTO	4 " "	1 UNSUCCESSFUL R/T

C. 1230 1 1630

D. NIL

E. NOXX NIL

8 S/E E/A AXK SIGHTED SW OF EUPEN AT 1425 HRS. TRXX TURNED & HEADED AT  
30 DEG AT 8000 FT. NO ENGAGEMENT. IN IXX SINZIG AREA- SAW 4 FW 190'S  
AT APPROX. 20,000 FT AT 1450 HRS. NO ENGAGEMENT. 10 FW 190'S AT XXXXX  
OBSERVED OVER MARCHE AREA TXX AT 10,000 FT AT 1415 HRS. HEADED NWE.  
NO ENGAGEMENT.

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CC LAST TWO LINES OF FIRST PARA IN TEXT SHOULD READ

30 AT L-6409, 2 RET'S TO BASE. 30 PLUS FW 190 ATTACKING B-26'S AT  
12,000 FT AT L-8090. BOUNCED 190'S WITH ABOVE CLAIMS ..

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CC IN 3RD PARAR SECOND LINE WA 1445 SHOULD BE 1500 RPT 100XXX 1500

NS BBB

NEW R.....240500A WDF AR KK

JPA R.....24/0500A M JDW KK

JKE R.....24/0450A RG KKK

PXX JPS R..24/0450A FT B B

JJI R..... INI LINE 3 FIRST PARA PLS K

1 ME 109 DEST. 1 FW 190 DAM. LXXX LOADED 16X2X500 GP 1/10 1/40. JETT.

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JJI R 24/0450A HH KK

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FROM: OPNS, IX T A C 240021A  
 TO : CG, NINTH USAAF (ADV) (INFO)  
 AOC, 2ND T.A.F. (MAIN) (TO 83 GROUP AND 84 GROUP)  
 CG, XIX T A C (INFO)  
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 CO, 67 TAC/RCN GP  
 CO, 422ND NIGHT FTR SQDN  
 CO, 64 AIRDROME SQDN  
 CO'S, 366, 370 AND 474 368 FTR GPS  
 CO, CO. "B", 555 SIG AW BN (1 CY VIA COURIER)  
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY  
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HQ, IX T A C  
 23 DECEMBER 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 287

THE FOLLOWING MISSIONS WILL BE PERFORMED AND STATUS EXISTS FOR UNITS OF THIS COMMAND ON 24 DECEMBER 1944:

1. STATUS OF ALERT FLIGHTS:

GROUP	NO. OF A/C	SITE
366	4	A-84
370	4	A-78
67	4	A-87

FLIGHTS WILL REMAIN ON A FIVE (5) MINS. ALERT STATUS FROM OFFICIAL DAYLIGHT TO OFFICIAL DARK.

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3. MISSION Y21-2: THREE SQDNS OF 366 GP WILL PERFORM AN ARMED RECCE IN THE AREA OUTLINED IN PARA. X. 1. BOMB LOAD: 16 X 2 X 500 LB GP BOMBS FUSED INSTANTANEOUSLY. TAKE OFF: SEE PARA. X. 9.

4. MISSION Y21-3: THREE SQDNS OF 370 GP WILL PERFORM AN ARMED RECCE IN THE AREA OUTLINED IN PRXXX PARA. X. 1. BOMB LOAD: 16 X 2 X 500 BXXX LB GP BOMSXXX BOMBS FUSED INSTANTANEOUSLY. TAKE OFF: SEE PARA. X. 9.

5. MISSIONS Y21-4: THREE SQDNS OF 474 GP WILL PERFORM AN ARMED RECCE IN THE AREA OUTLINED IN PARA. X. 1. BOMB LOAD: 16 X 2 X 500 LB GP BOMBS FUSED INSTANTANEOUSLY. TAKE OFF: SEE PARA. X. 9.

X. 1. RECCE AREA FOR MISSIONS Y21-2, Y21-3 AND Y21-4 IS BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING POINTS: VIELSALM (P-705890), STAVELOT (K-718010), BULLINGEN (K-9502), GLAADT (L-170952), PRUM (L-065795), ST. VITH (P-855885) AND VIELSALM. TOWNS OF VIELSALM, STAVELOT AND MALMEDY CONTAIN FRIENDLY TROOPS. PRIMARY DUTY TO BOMB AND STRAFE ENEMY ROAD AND RAIL TRAFFIC.

2. SQDN LEADERS WILL CHECK IN WITH "SWEEPSTAKES" ON "B" (BAKER) CHANNEL WHEN AIRBORNE TO RECEIVE PROPER CONTROL CHANNEL.

3. FRIENDLY AND ENEMY TROOPS AND VEHICLES ARE THROUGHOUT THE AREA THEREFORE TARGETS MUST BE DEFINITELY SEEN AND IDENTIFIED BPDHBO IDENTIFIED BEFORE ATTACKING.

4. MAXIMUM EFFORT WILL BE MAINTAINED BY ALL GROUPS.

5. THERE WILL BE P-47, P-51, SPITFIRE, TYPOON AND TEMPEST A/C WORKING IN THE RECCE AREA.

6. IF WEATHER IS SUCH THAT SQDNS CANNOT OPERATE AT FULL STRENGTH IT WILL BE THE GROUP LEADERS DISCRETION AS TO NUMBER OF AIRPLANES THAT CAN OPERATE TO THE BEST ADVANTAGE.

7. GROUPS ARE REMINDED THAT THE G.A.F. WILL NO DOUBT BE OPERATING IN GREAT STRENGTH. ENEMY A/C ATTACKING GROUND TARGETS WILL INVARIABLY HAVE TOP COVER.

8. INTELLIGENCE SOURCES INDICATE THAT GERMANS ARE MARKING THEIR VEHICLES WITH THREE (3) WHITE SPOTS WHICH FROM THE AIR RESEMBLE THE ALLIED WHITE STARS.

9. TAKE OFF FOR FIRST SQDNS WILL BE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER DAYLIGHT FOLLOWED AT ONE (1) HR INTERVALS BY OTHER SQDNS. THEREAFTER SQDNS WILL TAKE OFF AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

10. ALL PILOTS WILL HAVE 1 TO 100,000 GRIDDED MAPS OF ENTIRE RECCE AREA AND WILL BE CERTAIN OF NAVIGATION AND LOCATION AT ALL TIMES.

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6. THE FOLLOWING MISSIONS WILL BE PERFORMED BY THE 67 TAC RCN GP ON 24 DECEMBER 1944:

1. FIVE MISSIONS IN "A" AREA, BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING COORDINATES: P-9050 TO P-5050 TO P-3060 TO P-2085 TO P-7085 TO P-9080 TO P-9050.

MISSIONS	TOA
TR/FA/24/1	FIRST LIGHT
TR/FA/24/2	1000A HRS
TR/FA/24/3	1200
TR/FA/24/4	1400
TR/FA/24/5	1500

2. FIVE MISSIONS IN "B" AREA, BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING COORDINATES: P-9080 TO P-7085 TO K-7000 ALONG FRONT LINE TO F-0030 TO F-2030 TO F-2000 TO P-9080:

MISSION	TOA
TR/FA/24/6	FIRST LIGHT
TR/FA/24/7	1000A HRS
TR/FA/24/8	1200
TR/FA/24/9	1400
TR/FA/24/10	1500

3. FIVE MISSIONS IN "C" AREA, BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING COORDINATES: P-9080 TO F-2000 TO F-2030 TO F-6030 TO L-6080.

MISSION	TOA
TR/FA/24/11	FIRST LIGHT
TR/FA/24/12	1000A HRS
TR/FA/24/13	1200
TR/FA/24/14	1400
TR/FA/24/15	1500

4. ONE MISSION IN "F" AREA, BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING COORDINATES: F-0060 TO F-4660, SOUTH ALONG RHINE RIVER TO F-6030 TO F-0030 ALONG FRONT LINES TO F-0060.

MISSION
TR/FA/24/16

5. FOUR ARTILLERY RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS:

MISSION	TOA
A/V/24/1	1000

TR/FA/24/10 1500

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3. FIVE MISSIONS IN "C" AREA, BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING COORDINATES:  
P-9000 TO F-2000 TO F-2030 TO F-6030 TO L-6000.

MISSION	TOA
TR/FA/24/11	FIRST LIGHT
TR/FA/24/12	1000A HRS
TR/FA/24/13	1200
TR/FA/24/14	1400
TR/FA/24/15	1500

4. ONE MISSION IN "F" AREA, BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING COORDINATES:  
F-0000 TO F-4600, SOUTH ALONG RHINE RIVER TO F-6030 TO F-0030  
ALONG FRONT LINES TO F-0000.

MISSION  
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TR/FA/24/16

5. FOUR ARTILLERY RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS:

MISSION	TOA
A/V/24/1	1000
A/V/24/2	1130
A/V/24/3	1400
A/32/24/1	1130

6. ALL MISSIONS WILL OBSERVE FOR ENEMY CONCENTRATIONS OF ARMOR AND  
INFANTRY AND ANY ENEMY MOVEMENT THROUGHOUT AREAS. PILOTS TO REPORT  
LOCATION, STRENGTH, COMPOSITION AND DIRECTION OF MOVEMENT.

7. (A) ALL PILOTS IN "B" AREA WILL CONTACT "COCKSPUR".  
(B) ONE MISSION IN "B" AREA WILL CHECK ROUTE ALONG THE FOLLOWING  
COORDINATES: HORNSFELDE P-9699 TO MODERSCHIED P-9099 TO  
FAYONVILLE K-8602 TO THURMONT K-8300 TO STAVELOT K-7201.  
(C) NO. OF A/C AT SQDN CO'S DISCRETION.

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AS FOR CK.  
CC PARA X PART 3. WA IDENTIFIED REPEAT RPT IDENTIFIED REPEAT  
HAWKINS BB  
ITT R..  
IVR R..2  
0257A FLS  
JIO R  
UNDER PA  
A LQQ IMI LINS 2 AND 3 K  
TO COMBAT OPS, IX TAC, WHERE THEY WILL BE EVALUATED. IN EVENT THE  
ETC. 9C  
VNEXT LINETOO K  
IN EVENT THE TARGET IS CONSIDERED SUITABLE, "MARMITE" WIL XXX WILL  
VECTOR THE AIR UNIT TO THE TARGET AREA DNXXX AND TURN CONTROL OVER TO  
GROUNB240251A FC AR

XXXX  
JJI R..24/0250A HH KK  
ITT R..  
MEW R..(15  
MEW R...241253A KDF AR KK  
JIF R...240255A JHM B KKK  
JPD R...240255A CRA KK  
JPA R...-24/0255A JBW KK  
JIU R..  
IN X 11 IMI THE 5TH LINE PLS K  
AGAIN STRESSED THAT TOWXXX TOWNS AND WOODS WILL NOT BE ATTACKED UNLESS  
TARGETS THEREIN CAN BE DEFINITELY SEEN AND IDENTIFIED. OK  
JIU R..THE ONE I WANT STARTS WITH REQUIRED K  
REQUESTING SUPPORT. IT IS AGAIN STRESSED THAT TOWN S ETC THAT  
I JUST GAVE YOU  
OK TKS ZBFB255A LP AR  
JDL R..24/0255A JAM KKKK

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CO, 67TH TAC/RCN GP  
 CO, 42ND NIGHT FTR SQDN  
 CO, 64TH AIRBORNE SQDN  
 CO, 365, 366, 367, 368, 370, AND 474 FTR GPs  
 CO, Co. "D" 555TH SIG AB BN (2 CYS VIA COURIER)  
 CO, Co. "F" 555TH SIG AB BN (2 CYS VIA COURIER)  
 ASP OFFICER, V CORPS  
 ASP OFFICER, VII CORPS  
 ASP OFFICER, XVIII A/B CORPS

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HQ, IX T A C (ADV)  
 23 DECEMBER 1944

ANNEX NO. 1 TO OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 286.

THE FOLLOWING MISSIONS WILL BE FLOWN WITH XIX T A C.

1. MISSION W51-4: 368 GP LOADS 2 X 200 FUSED GLD AND CONDUCT ARMED RECCES BY SQDNS ALONG FOLLOWING ROUTES:

(1) BITBURG (L-1353) - PEIM (L-2582) - DAUN (L-3578) - MAYEN (L-3392) - ANDERNACH (F-7604) - KOBLENZ - COCHEM - (L-5972) - THIER.

(2) TRIER (L-2129) - WITTLICH (L-3954) - COCHEM (L-5972) - KOBLENZ - DOPPARD (L-9881) - SIMMERN (L-8554) - HERMESWEIL (L-4317) NDR. ZERF (L-2412) - THIER.

(3) LEBACH (Q-4191) - NEUNKIRCHEN - ST. WENDEL (Q-5996) - NONFELDEN (L-5716) - OBERSTEIN (L-7123) - BAD - KREUZNADN (N-6939) - DINGEN - LAUTERKEN (L-9617) HONBURG - NEUNKIRCHEN.

GROUPS WILL CONTACT "RIPSAW" ON "C" (CHARLIE) CHANNEL. UPON COMPLETION OF MISSION GP WILL LAND AT A-82 FOR FURTHER OPERATIONS TOT'S SOON AS WEATHER PERMITS.

2. MISSION X51-1: 367 GP PROVIDES ESCORT FOR IX BOMBER COMMAND AS FOLLOWS: PLAN "A" ZERO HOUR TO FOLLOW.

(1) 1 SQDN 367 GP PROVIDES ESCORT FOR 2 GPS ATTACKING T-343295. R/V S-5558 WITH FIRST GP. ZERO MINUS 20. ROUTE: R/V A-4779 - A-4898 TO TARGET - TURN LEFT TO T-1763 TO O-7803 TO BASE. SQDN WILL REMAIN IN TARGET AREA TO PROVIDE WITHDREPPORT TO SECOND GP ATTACKING 10 MINUTES LATER.

	<u>BOMBER C/S</u>	<u>FIGHTER C/S</u>
1ST GP	FUZZY	MUSTARD
2ND GP	"	BRADLEY

(2) 1 SQDN 367 GP PROVIDES ESCORT FOR 2 GPS ATTACKING T-521152. R/V - S-5558 WITH FIRST GP ZERO HOUR. ROUTE: R/V - A-4779 - TARGET - TURN LEFT - RETRACE. SQDN WILL REMAIN IN TARGET AREA TO PROVIDE WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT TO SECOND GP ATTACKING 10 MINUTES LATER.

	<u>BOMBER C/S</u>	<u>FIGHTER C/S</u>
1ST GP	MORTGAGE	GAYLIFE
2ND GP	CRACKLING	"

(3) 1 SQDN OF 367 PROVIDE ESCORT FOR 2 GPS ATTACKING A-631936. R/V AT S-5558 WITH FIRST GP AT ZERO PLUS 20. ROUTE: TO A-3778 TO TARGET - TURN LEFT AND RETRACE. SQDN WILL REMAIN IN TARGET AREA TO PROVIDE WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT TO SECOND GROUP ATTACKING 10 MINUTES LATER.

	<u>BOMBER C/S</u>	<u>FIGHTER C/S</u>
1ST GP	HANDGIRL	JUDITH
2ND GP	MUSKRAT	"

PLAN "B" ZERO HOUR: 1000A HRS.

(1) 1 SQDN 367 GP WILL ESCORT 2 GPS. R/V AT S-5558 WITH FIRST GP AT ZERO PLUS 38. ROUTE: R/V - A-3977 - TARGET (T-343295) - TURN LEFT - T-1205 - O-7803 - BASE. SQDN WILL REMAIN IN TARGET

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(2) 1 SQDN 367 GP PROVIDES ESCORT FOR 2 GPS ATTACKING T-521152. R/V - S-5558 WITH FIRST GP ZERO HOUR. ROUTE: R/V - A-4779 - TARGET - TURN LEFT - RETRACE. SQDN WILL REMAIN IN TARGET AREA TO PROVIDE WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT TO SECOND GP ATTACKING 10 MINUTES LATER.

	<u>BOMBER C/S</u>	<u>FIGHTER C/S</u>
1ST GP	MORTGAGE	GAYLIFE
2ND GP	CRACKLING	"

(3) 1 SQDN OF 367 PROVIDE ESCORT FOR 2 GPS ATTACKING A-631930. R/V AT S-5558 WITH FIRST GP AT ZERO PLUS 20. ROUTE: TO A-3778 TO TARGET - TURN LEFT AND RETRACE. SQDN WILL REMAIN IN TARGET AREA TO PROVIDE WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT TO SECOND GROUP ATTACKING 10 MINUTES LATER.

	<u>BOMBER C/S</u>	<u>FIGHTER C/S</u>
1SR GP	HANDGIRL	JUDITH
2ND GP	MUSKRAT	"

PLAN "B" ZERO HOUR: 1000A HRS.

(1) 1 SQDN 367 GP WILL ESCORT 2 GPS. R/V AT S-5558 WITH FIRST GP AT ZERO PLUS 30. ROUTE: R/V - A-3977 - TARGET (T-343295) - TURN LEFT - T-1905 - O-7805 - EASE. SQDN WILL REMAIN IN TARGET AREA TO PROVIDE WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT TO SECOND GP ATTACKING 15 MINUTES LATER.

	<u>BOMBER C/S</u>	<u>FIGHTER C/S</u>
1ST GP	FUZZY	MUSTARD
2ND GP	FUZZY	JUDITH

(2) 1 SQDN 367 GP WILL ESCORT 2 GPS. R/V AT S-5688 FIRST GP AT ZERO PLUS 71. ROUTE: R/V - A-5161 - TARGET (T-521152) - TURN LEFT - A-4679 - S-6271. SQDN WILL REMAIN IN TARGET AREA TO PROVIDE WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT TO SECOND GP ATTACKING 15 MINUTES LATER.

	<u>BOMBER C/S</u>	<u>FIGHTER C/S</u>
1ST GP	MORTGAGE	GAYLIFE
2ND GP	CRACKLING	MUSTARD

(3) 1 SQDN 367 GP WILL ESCORT 2 GPS. R/V AT S-5558 FIRST GP AT ZERO MINUS 22. ROUTE: R/V/A A-1971 TO TARGET (A-631930) - TURN LEFT AND RETRACE. SQDN WILL REMAIN IN TARGET AREA TO PROVIDE WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT TO SECOND GP ATTACKING 15 MINUTES LATER.

	<u>BOMBER C/S</u>	<u>FIGHTER C/S</u>
1ST GP	HANDGIRL	JUDITH
2ND GP	MUSKRAT	GAYLIFE

3. MISSION X51-2: 365 GP PROVIDES ESCORT FOR IX BD AS FOLLOWS:

PLAN "A". ZERO HOUR TO FOLLOW.

(1) 1 SQDN 365 GP PROVIDES ESCORT FOR 2 GPS ATTACKING A-631930. R/V AT S-5558 FIRST GP AT ZERO PLUS 20. ROUTE: R/V - A-3778 - TARGET - TURN LEFT - RETRACE. SQDN WILL REMAIN IN AREA TO PROVIDE WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT TO SECOND GP ATTACKING 10 MINUTES LATER.

	<u>BOMBER C/S</u>	<u>FIGHTER C/S</u>
1ST GP	BREWER	SHOWDOWN
2ND GP	COFFEE	SHOWDOWN

(2) 1 SQDN 365 PROVIDES AREA COVER FOR 1 GP ATTACKING KINAH A-187609H ZERO PLUS 30. BOMBER C/S: "QUICKSTART", FIGHTER C/S "POKER".

(3) 1 SQDN 365 PROVIDES AREA COVER FOR 2 GPS ATTACKING A-146128.

<u>T/T</u>	<u>BOMBER C/S</u>	<u>FIGHTER C/S</u>

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TURN LEFT AND RETRACE. SQDN WILL REMAIN IN TARGET AREA TO PROVIDE WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT TO SECOND GP ATTACKING 15 MINUTES LATER.

	<u>BOMBER C/S</u>	<u>FIGHTER C/S</u>
1ST GP	HANDGIRL	JUDITH
2ND GP	MUSKRAT	GAYLIFE

3. MISSION X51-2: 365 GP PROVIDES ESCORT FOR IX BD AS FOLLOWS:

PLAN "A". ZERO HOUR TO FOLLOW.

(1) 1 SQDN 365 GP PROVIDES ESCORT FOR 2 GPS ATTACKING A-631936. R/V AT S-2998 FIRST GP AT ZERO PLUS 20. ROUTE: R/V - A-3778 - TARGET - TURN LEFT - RETRACE. SQDN WILL REMAIN IN AREA TO PROVIDE WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT TO SECOND GP ATTACKING 10 MINUTES LATER.

	<u>BOMBER C/S</u>	<u>FIGHTER C/S</u>
1ST GP	BREWER	SHOWDOWN
2ND GP	COFFEE	SHOWDOWN

(2) 1 SQDN 365 PROVIDES AREA COVER FOR 1 GP ATTACKING KIEH A-187609 ZERO PLUS 30. BOMBER C/S: "QUICKSTART", FIGHTER C/S "POWER".

(3) 1 SQDN 365 PROVIDES AREA COVER FOR 2 GPS ATTACKING A-146128.

<u>TMT</u>	<u>BOMBER C/S</u>	<u>FIGHTER C/S</u>
1ST GP ZERO PLUS 30	SKIPPER	POKER
2ND GP ZERO PLUS 40	BRASSNUT	POKER

PLAN "B" ZERO HOUR 1000A HRS.

(1) 1 SQDN 365 GP WILL PROVIDE ESCORT FOR 2 GPS ATTACKING A-572671. R/V AT O-7005 WITH FIRST GP. ZERO PLUS 12. ROUTE TO A-2190 TO TARGET - TURN LEFT TO A-1968 - S-3580 - BASE. SQDN WILL REMAIN IN AREA TO PROVIDE WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT TO SECOND GP ATTACKING 15 MINUTES LATER. C/S SAME AS PLAN "A".

(2) 1 SQDN 365 GP WILL PROVIDE AREA COVER FOR 1 GP ATTACKING A-187609, AT ZERO PLUS 145. C/S SAME AS PLAN "A".

(3) 1 SQDN 365 GP WILL PROVIDE AREA COVER FOR 2 GPS ATTACKING A-146128, FIRST GP AT ZERO PLUS 125 AND SECOND GP AT ZERO PLUS 130. C/S SAME AS PLAN "A".

X. (1) MISSIONS X51-1 AND X51-2 ARE IN REINDEER CODE.

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BT 230312A

CC INSERT TOO IN HEADING AS 230312A

CC MISSION X51-1: PART (1) WA PROVIDE WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT RPT WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT

MISSION X51-2: PART (2) WA ATTACKING A-187609 AT RPT A-187609 AT

CC UNDER X51-1: PLAN "B" PART 3.

WA R/V TO A-1971 RPT TO A-1971

HAWKINS BBBBD

ITS (R) R..22/0500A DC K

SHOULD BE 23

JIO R.. 230500A PHD KK

ITT R.....230500A LC K

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JIF IS GOING TO TAKE FOR JDL KK

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JIF T JDL JIF R..23/0510A GRE KK

JIU R..23/0510A LP AR

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JCE R..230510A H ECU KKK

JPD R..230510A DC KKK

JPS R..23/0513A LW AR K

JJI R..23/0510A HH KKK

JPA R..23/0515A WFN KK

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A. Mission Number W 1-4 20 December 1944

B. 396th Ftr. Sq. dispatched 18 P-47's led by Capt. Baer.  
1 P-47 aborted because of manifold pressure gauge.C. Take-off at 0937 Entered E/T 1030  
Landed at 1215 TOT \*\*\* Left E/T 1130D. 1 P-47 MIA - 2nd Lt. Joseph S. Busenbark bailed in at I-3370  
probably due to engine failure, no flak, not shot at by E/A.  
1 P-47 is damaged by (CAT. E) Canopy of airplane seen opened.E. 16 x 2 x 500 lb. GP bombs (1/10 x 1/40 fusing) were loaded.  
30 x 500 lb. GP bombs were jettisoned at approx I-3489  
3 x 500 lb. GP bombs were returned to base.F. 20 plus E/A were encountered just W of Koblenz, mostly FW-190's  
at 1115 hours, at 10-12,000 ft.

Claims are as follows:	Des.	PD	Dam.
Capt. Baer	2	0	0
Capt. Henry	0	0	1
1st Lt. Tullis	0	0	0 2 FW-190's, 1 He-109
1st Lt. Ferchner	1	0	0
1st Lt. Grace	1	0	0
2nd Lt. Newhart	1	0	0
2nd Lt. Brizendine	1	0	0
2nd Lt. Dixon	1	0	0
2nd Lt. Hansen	1	0	0
2nd Lt. Dunbar	1	0	0
2nd Lt. Busenbark	1	0	0 seen by 2 other pilots.
	15	0	1

Heavy, near, inaccurate flak vicinity of I-3370.

G. 20 plus E/A broke in on E-24 formation from about 25,000 ft.  
3-3 E-24's shot down in flames. Sq. jumped the E/A west of Koblenz  
at 1045 . . .  
P-47 abandoned by Lt. Busenbark after bailing in was on fire  
indicating he fired it.H. Overcast this side of E/L on way out breaking up on return. Clear  
over Germany.

*Murray B. Thaler*  
MURRAY B. THALER,  
1st Lt., AC,  
Ass't S-2.

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## MISSION REPORT

OPS FLASH # 2, 23 December 1944

- A. OO # W51-4 Ripsaw (19th TAC)
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron  
12 P-47's dispatched, nil abortive
- C. 1435 1450 1455 1600 1653
- D. 2 NYR Lt Ralston and Lt Foltz have not returned to this field at the time of this report.  
Lt Johnson land at A-78 and has so reported to this field.  
One pilot, Lt Gienetti has been WIA.

E/Aircraft destroyed

Lt Garry	4	FW 190's	destroyed	damaged	
Lt Huff	1	FW 190	"		
Lt Ivey	1	FW 190	"		
Lt Smith	2	FW 190	"	1	FW 190
Lt Walen	2	FW 190	"		
	1	Me 109	"	1	FW 190
Lt Matthews					
	1	FW 190	"	2	Me 109's
Lt Aldridge		Me 109	"		
	1	FW 190	"	1	FW 190
Lt Foltz		FW 190	"	2	FW 190

- E. 8 x 2 x 500 GP 1/10 - 1/40  
4 x 4 x 5" Mark I Rockets  
Bombs jettisoned over enemy territory just before engaging in dog-fight. The rockets were fired at the enemy ships
- F. 1) 20 plus FW 190's and Me 109's bounced our squadron over Kruft AD at 1600 ~~XX~~ at 12,000 feet. These FW 190's were short (L7298)  
nosed, blue bellied and there was nothing unusual about the 109's. In the dogfight which ensued claims are recorded under appropriate headings. An interesting sidelight is the fact that Lt Wayland destroyed one Me 109 by ramming.
- 2) Trier Heavy, medium, inaccurate.  
L7298 Light intense, inaccurate.
- G. The dogfight took place over the A/D of these enemy A/C, With the E/A coming out of the sun. The white flares noted in previous engagements were seen again just before the dogfight took place. The light AA protecting this field kept firing thru-out the engagement. No other information of value to report.
- H. Haze up to 2000' - CAVU over tgt.

THEODORE F SKALKO  
1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Intelligence Officer.

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ITS (R) ITT JIO XSM JIF JPD JSL JIU JPA JJI JKE JPD JPS V ITS NR 2 OPOP  
 ITS (R) T CO "B" 555 SAW  
 ITT T IVE, ITA, IUE.  
 GPS TO SELF  
 JIO T SELF

FROM: OPNS, IX T A C ADV 230025A  
 TO : CG, NINTH USAAF (ADV) (INFO)  
 CG, IX USAAFBD (INFO)  
 AOC, 2ND TAF MAIN  
 CG, XIX T A C (ACTION)  
 CG, XXIX T A C (ACTION)  
 CO, 67 TAC RCN GP  
 CO, 422 NIGHT FTR SQDN  
 CO, 64 AIRDRONE SQDN  
 CO'S, 365, 366, 367, 368, 370 AND 474 FTR GPS  
 CO, CO "B", 555 SIG AV BN (2 CYS VIA COURIER)  
 SIG AWOBNCO2"EYS" 55A COURIER)  
 ASP OFFICER, V CORPS  
 ASP OFFICER, VII CORPS  
 ASP OFFICER XVIII CORPS

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ADV HQ, IX T A C  
 22 DECEMBER 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 286

THE FOLLOWING MISSIONS WILL BE PERFORMED AND STATUS EXISTS FOR UNITS  
 OF THIS COMMAND ON 23 DECEMBER 1944:

1. STATUS OF ALERT FLIGHTS:

GROUP	NO. OF A/C	SITE
365	4	A-84
366	4	Y-29
367	4	A-6E
474	4	A-7E
67	4	A-87

FLIGHTS WILL REMAIN ON A FIVE (5) MINUTE ALERT STATUS FROM OFFICIAL  
 DAYLIGHT TO OFFICIAL DARK

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CO, 67 TAC BOM GP  
 CO, 422 NIGHT FTR SQDN  
 CO, 64 AIRBORNE SQDN  
 CO'S, 365, 366, 367, 368, 378 AND 474 FTR GPS  
 CO, CO "B", 555 SIG AV BN (2 CYS VIA COURIER)  
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FLIGHTS WILL REMAIN ON A FIVE (5) MINUTE ALERT STATUS FROM OFFICIAL  
 DAYLIGHT TO OFFICIAL DARK.

2. MISSION Y21-1: PLAN "A": THREE SQDNS OF 370 FTR GP WILL COVER EVERY  
 ROAD FROM MOVEMENT IN THE AREA BOUNDED BY: O-7788 TO O-9284 TO  
 O-963993 TO O-7788. PILOTS WILL RPT WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO  
 IDENTIFY POSITIVELY THE MOVEMENT AS ENEMY BEFORE ATTACKING. BRITISH  
 TROOPS AND VEHICLES ARE GUARDING THE BRIDGES ALONG THE MEUSE RIVER.  
 IN NO CASE RPT NO CASE WILL THIS RECCE EXTEND EAST OF THE MEUSE RIVER.  
 MISSIONS WILL BE SQDN MISSIONS WEATHER PERMITTING. BOMB LOAD:  
 2 X 1000 LB G.P. BOMBS ON ALL A/C FUSED INST. WEATHER PERMITTING,  
 OTHERWISE G.L.D. TAKE OFF: SEE PARA. X.

PLAN "B": THREE SQDNS OF THE 370 FTR GP WILL PROVIDE CLOSE SUPPORT  
 FOR THE 82 INF DIV (FORGER) R/V AT S-502210. CONTACT ON "D" (DOG)  
 CHANNEL AND THEN SWITCH TO "A" (ABLE) CHANNEL. POSSIBLE TARGET:  
 CONCENTRATION OF TROOPS AND VEHICLES AT S-645852. FOR SMOKE  
 SEE S.O.P. THIS HQS, 15 DEC. 1944. SMOKE WILL BE RED. BOMB LOAD:  
 12 X 2 X 1000 LB G.P. BOMBS FUSED INST. PER 12 A/C SQDN. TAKE OFF:  
 SEE PARA. X.

3. MISSION Y21-2: PLAN "A": THREE SQDNS OF THE 474 FTR GP WILL  
 COVER EVERY ROAD FOR MOVEMENTS IN THE AREA BOUNDED BY: R  
 O-7788 TO O-845694 TO O-9284 TO O-7788. PILOTS WILL RPT WILL MAKE  
 EVERY EFFORT TO POSITIVELY IDENTIFY THE MOVEMENT AS ENEMY BEFORE  
 ATTACKING. BRITISH TROOPS AND VEHICLES ARE GUARDING THE BRIDGES  
 ALONG THE MEUSE RIVER. IN NO CASE RPT NO CASE WILL RECCE EXTEND  
 EAST OF MEUSE RIVER. MISSIONS WILL BE SQDN MISSIONS WEATHER  
 PERMITTING. BOMB LOAD: 2 X 1000 LB G.P. BOMBS ON ALL A/C FUSED INST.  
 WEATHER PERMITTING, OTHERWISE G.L.D. TAKE OFF: SEE PARA. X.

PLAN "B": THREE SQDNS OF THE 474 FTR GP WILL PROVIDE CLOSE SUPPORT  
 FOR THE 1ST INF DIV (BOOTY) R/V AT O-8510. CONTACT ON "D" (DOG)  
 CHANNEL, THEN SWITCH TO "A" (ABLE) CHANNEL FOR SMOKE SEE S.O.P.  
 THIS HQS., 15 DECEMBER 1944. BOMB LOAD: 12 X 2 X 1000 LB G.P.  
 BOMBS PER 12 A/C SQDNS FUSED INST. TAKE OFF: SEE PARA. X.

4. MISSION Y21-3: THREE SQDNS OF THE 366 FTR GP WILL PROVIDE CLOSE  
 SUPPORT FOR THE 30TH INF DIV. (BRIGHTSIDE), R/V AT O-6610. CONTACT  
 "BRIGHTSIDE" ON "D" (DOG) CHANNEL AND THEN SWITCH TO "A" (ABLE)  
 CHANNEL. POSSIBLE TARGETS FOR 30 DIV: CONCENTRATION OF TANKS AND  
 TROOPS ON SOUTH SIDE OF RIVER AT S-715995. USE RIVER AS LOCAL  
 BOMB LINE. FOR SMOKE SEE S.O.P. THIS HQS., 15 DEC 1944. SMOKE WILL  
 BE RED. BOMB LOAD: 16 X 2 X 500 LB G.P. BOMBS FUSED INST PER 16  
 A/C SQDN. TAKE OFF: SEE PARA. X.

5. THREE SQDNS OF THE 365 GP, THREE SQDNS OF THE 368 GP, AND  
 THREE SQDNS OF THE 367 GP WILL BE UNDER OPERATIONAL  
 XIXST. A.C. AND WILL REMAIN ON A FIVE (5) MINUTE ALERT STATUS FROM OFFICIAL  
 DAYLIGHT TO OFFICIAL DARK.

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EAST OF RHINE RIVER. WEATHER PERMITTING. BOMB LOAD: 2 X 1000 LB G.P. BOMBS ON ALL GROUPS. WEATHER PERMITTING, OTHERWISE C.L.D. TAKE OFF: SEE PARA. X.

PLAN "B": THREE SQDNS OF THE 474 FTR GP WILL PROVIDE CLOSE SUPPORT FOR THE 1ST INF DIV (BOOTY) R/V AT 0-8510. CONTACT ON "D" (DOG) CHANNEL, THEN SWITCH TO "A" (ABLE) CHANNEL FOR SMOKE SEE S.O.P. THIS HQS., 15 DECEMBER 1944. BOMB LOAD: 12 X 2 X 1000 LB G.P. BOMBS PER 12 A/C SQDNS FUSED INST. TAKE OFF: SEE PARA. X.

4. MISSION Y21-3: THREE SQDNS OF THE 366 FTR GP WILL PROVIDE CLOSE SUPPORT FOR THE 30TH INF DIV. (BRIGHTSIDE), R/V AT 0-6610. CONTACT "BRIGHTSIDE" ON "D" (DOG) CHANNEL AND THEN SWITCH TO "A" (ABLE) CHANNEL. POSSIBLE TARGETS FOR 30 DIV: CONCENTRATION OF TANKS AND TROOPS ON SOUTH SIDE OF RIVER AT S-715995. USE RIVER AS LOCAL BOMB LINE. FOR SMOKE SEE S.O.P. THIS HQS., 15 DEC 1944. SMOKE WILL BE RED. BOMB LOAD: 16 X 2 X 500 LB G.P. BOMBS FUSED INST PER 16 A/C SQDN. TAKE OFF: SEE PARA. X.

5. THREE SQDNS OF THE 365 GP, THREE SQDNS OF THE 368 GP, AND THREE SQDNS OF THE 367 GP WILL BE UNDER OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF XIXST.A.C. AND WILL RECEIVE OPS ORDER FOR MISSIONS FROM XIX T.A.C.

1. IF NO TARGETS ARE AVAILABLE IN CLOSE SUPPORT MISSIONS ARMED RECCE WILL BE PERFORMED IN THE BATTLE AREA BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING COORDINATES: 0-787045, 0-715010, S-300835, S-460780, S-855835, A-090880, 0-912040, AND 0-787045. UNITS WILL COVER AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE THE ROAD NET WITHIN THIS AREA ON EACH MISSION.
2. TARGETS REQUESTED BY DIVISIONS WILL BE NOT BE ATTACKED UNLESS IN THE SQDN LEADERS' OPINION THEY ARE WORTHWHILE. STRAFFING WOODS AND TOWNS WHERE NO ENEMY TROOPS OR ARMOR ARE VISIBLE AND NO RESULTS COULD BE SEEN ARE NOT CONSIDERED SUITABLE. IT IS KNOWN THAT THE ENEMY HAS MANY VEHICLES ON THE ROAD THROUGHOUT THE AREA AND SPECIAL EMPHASIS MUST BE PLACED ON THE ARMED RECCE OF ROAD NETS AT THE EXPENSE OF SMALLER TARGETS.
3. FRIENDLY AND ENEMY TROOPS AND VEHICLES ARE THROUGHOUT THE AREA THEREFORE TARGETS MUST BE DEFINITELY SEEN AND IDENTIFIED REPEAT IDENTIFIED BEFORE ATTACKING.
4. MAXIMUM EFFORT WILL BE MAINTAINED BY ALL GROUPS.
5. ROCKETS WILL BE USED TO THE MAXIMUM AND DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT THE GROUP EQUALLY.
6. AIRCRAFT OF THE XIX, XXIX TAC'S AND 2ND TAF WILL NOT BE OPERATING IN THE RECCE AREA.
7. ALL GRID COORDINATES FOR 23 DECEMBER 1944 ON THIS OPERATIONS ORDER ARE IN REINDEER CODE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF PLAN "A", IN MISSION Y21-1 AND Y21-2.
8. "SWEEPSTAKES" CONTROL WILL BE ON "B" BAKER CHANNEL.
9. IF WEATHER IS SUCH THAT SQDNS CANNOT OPERATE AT FULL STRENGTH IT WILL BE THE GROUP LEADER'S DISCRETION AS TO NUMBER OF AIRPLANES THAT CAN OPERATE TO THE BEST ADVANTAGE.
10. GROUPS ARE REMINDED THAT THE G.A.F. WILL NO DOUBT BE OPERATING IN GREAT STRENGTH. ENEMY AIRCRAFT ATTACKING GROUND TARGETS WILL INVARIABLY HAVE TOP COVER.
11. INTELLIGENCE SOURCES INDICATE THAT GERMANS ARE MARKING THEIR VEHICLES WITH THREE (3) WHITE SPOTS WHICH FROM THE AIR RESEMBLE THE ALLIED WHITE STARS.
12. TAKE OFF FOR FIRST SQDN WILL BE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER DAYLIGHT FOLLOWED AT ONE (1) HOUR INTERVALS BY OTHER SQDNS. THEREAFTER SQDNS WILL TAKE OFF AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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PAR. 5. "E" EASY AREA IS CANCELLED.

PAR. 6. THREE ARTILLERY RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS:

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MISSION	TOA
A/V/23/1	1000A HRS
A/V/23/2	1130
A/V/23/3	1400

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BT 230025A  
 CC UNDER X. PARA 2. FIRST LINE READS AS FOLLOS  
 TARGETS REQUESTED BY DIVISIONS WILL NOT BE ATTACKED UNLESS IN THE SQDN  
 LEADERS, ETC.  
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 ITS (R) R.230228A MW AS PLS  
 JIO R. 230232A PHD AR  
 IMI PLS JIO  
 JIO R. 230232A PHD AR  
 ITT R..230232A LC K  
 JIF R..COK COME BACK TO ME O I NEAD IMI PLS KK  
 JPS R..230235A LW AR K  
 JDL R..  
 JIU R..23/0235A LP AR  
 JPA R..23/0235A WFN AR  
 JJI R..23/0235A HH AR  
 JKE R..(DIDNT GET IT ITS(R) WILL RELY  
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 GOOD.  
 JPD R..23/0230A BG KKK  
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 JIO T SELF  
 GPS, JIF, JPD - T SLEF  
 XSM T JJT

FROM: IX T A C OPNS (ADV)  
 TO : CG, NINTH USAAF (ADV) (INFO)  
 CG, IX USAAFB (ACTION)  
 CG, XIX T A C (ACTION)  
 CG, XXIX T A C (ACTION)  
 AOC, 2ND TAF MAIN (ACTION)  
 CO, 67TH TAC/RCN GP  
 CO, 422ND NIGHT FTR SQDN  
 CO, 64TH AIRDROME SQDN  
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 CO, CO. "F" 555TH SIG AW BN (2 CYS VIA COURIER)  
 ASP OFFICER, V CORPS  
 ASP OFFICER, VII CORPS  
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY  
 SECRET SEND IN CLEAR BY TELETYPE AUTH: CAPT MITCHELL

HQ, IX T A C (ADV)  
 23 DECEMBER 1944

ANNEX NO. 1 TO OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 286.

THE FOLLOWING MISSIONS WILL BE FLOWN WITH XIX T A C.

1. MISSION X51-4: 368 GP LOADS 2 X 500 FUSED GLD AND CONDUCT ARMED  
 RECCES BY SQDNS ALONG FOLLOWING ROUTES:

- WMH 9<sup>5</sup>  
 LKT  
 ZZY
- (1) BITBURG (L-1353) - PEIM (L-2582) - DAUN (L-3578) - MAYEN  
 (L-6392) - ANDERNACH (F-7684) - KOBLENZ - COCHEM - (L-5972) - THIER.
- (2) TRIER (L-2129) - WITTLICH (L-3954) - COCHEM (L-5972) -  
 KOBLENZ - BOPARD (L-9081) - SIMMERN (L-8554) - HERMESKEIL  
 (L-4317) NDR. ZERF (L-2412) - THIER.
- (3) LEBACH (Q-4191) - NEUNKIRCHEN - ST. WENDEL (Q-5996) -  
 NOWFELDEN (L-5716) - OBERSTEIN (L-7123) - BAD - KREUZNADN  
 (H-8939) - BINGEN - LAUTERKEN (L-9017) HOMBURG - NEUNKIRCHEN.

GROUPS WILL CONTACT "RIPSAW" ON "C" (CHARLIE) CHANNEL. UPON  
 COMPLETION OF MISSION GP WILL LAND AT A-82 FOR FURTHER OPERATIONS  
 TOT'S SOON AS WEATHER PERMITS.

2. MISSION X51-1: 367 GP PROVIDES ESCORT FOR IX BOMBER COMMAND AS  
 FOLLOWS: PLAN "A" ZERO HOUR TO FOLLOW.

(1) 1 SQDN 367 GP PROVIDES ESCORT FOR 2 GPS ATTACKING T-343295.  
 R/V 9-5556 WITH FIRST GP. ZERO MINUS 20. ROUTE: R/V A-4779 -  
 A-4898 TO TARGET - TURN LEFT TO T-1703 TO O-7803 TO BASE.  
 SQDN WILL REMAIN IN TARGET AREA TO PROVIDE WITHDREREPORT  
 TO SECOND GP ATTACKING 10 MINUTES LATER.

BOMBER C/S

FIGHTER C/S

FUZZY

MUSTARD  
 BRADLEY

1ST GP

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2. MISSION X51-1: 367 GP PROVIDES ESCORT FOR IX BOMBER COMMAND AS FOLLOWS: PLAN "A" ZERO HOUR TO FOLLOW.

(1) 1 SQDN 367 GP PROVIDES ESCORT FOR 2 GPS ATTACKING T-343295. R/V S-5558 WITH FIRST GP. ZERO MINUS 20. ROUTE: R/V A-4779 - A-4898 TO TARGET - TURN LEFT TO T-1703 TO O-7803 TO BASE. SQDN WILL REMAIN IN TARGET AREA TO PROVIDE WITHDREPPORT TO SECOND GP ATTACKING 10 MINUTES LATER.

	BOMBER C/S	FIGHTER C/S
1ST GP	FUZZY	MUSTARD
2ND GP	"	BRADLEY

(2) 1 SQDN 367 GP PROVIDES ESCORT FOR 2 GPS ATTACKING T-521152. R/V - S-5558 WITH FIRST GP ZERO HOUR. ROUTE: R/V - A-4779 - TARGET - TURN LEFT - RETRACE. SQDN WILL REMAIN IN TARGET AREA TO PROVIDE WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT TO SECOND GP ATTACKING 10 MINUTES LATER.

	BOMBER C/S	FIGHTER C/S
1ST GP	MORTGAGE	GAYLIFE
2ND GP	CRACKLING	"

(3) 1 SQDN OF 367 PROVIDE ESCORT FOR 2 GPS ATTACKING A-631930. R/V AT S-5558 WITH FIRST GP AT ZERO PLUS 20. ROUTE: TO A-3778 TO TARGET - TURN LEFT AND RETRACE. SQDN WILL REMAIN IN TARGET AREA TO PROVIDE WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT TO SECOND GROUP ATTACKING 10 MINUTES LATER.

	BOMBER C/S	FIGHTER C/S
1SR GP	HANDGIRL	JUDITH
2ND GP	MUSKRAT	"

PLAN "B" ZERO HOUR: 1000A HRS.

(1) 1 SQDN 367 GP WILL ESCORT 2 GPS. R/V AT S-5558 WITH FIRST GP AT ZERO PLUS 38. ROUTE: R/V - A-3977 - TARGET (T-343295) - TURN LEFT - T-1905 - O-7805 - BASE. SQDN WILL REMAIN IN TARGET AREA TO PROVIDE WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT TO SECOND GP ATTACKING 15 MINUTES LATER.

	BOMBER C/S	FIGHTER C/S
1ST GP	FUZZY	MUSTARD
2ND GP	FUZZY	JUDITH

(2) 1 SQDN 367 GP WILL ESCORT 2 GPS. R/V AT S-8688 FIRST GP AT ZERO PLUS 71. ROUTE: R/V - A-5161 - TARGET (T-521152) - TURN LEFT - A-4679 - S-6271. SQDN WILL REMAIN IN TARGET AREA TO PROVIDE WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT TO SECOND GP ATTACKING 15 MINUTES LATER.

	BOMBER C/S	FIGHTER C/S
1ST GP	MORTGAGE	GAYLIFE
2ND GP	CRACKLING	MUSTARD

(3) 1 SQDN 367 GP WILL ESCORT 2 GPS. R/V AT S-5558 FIRST GP AT ZERO MINUS 22. ROUTE: R/VHO A-1971 TO TARGET (A-631930) - TURN LEFT AND RETRACE. SQDN WILL REMAIN IN TARGET AREA TO PROVIDE WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT TO SECOND GP ATTACKING 15 MINUTES LATER.

	BOMBER C/S	FIGHTER C/S
1ST GP	HANDGIRL	JUDITH
2ND GP	MUSKRAT	GAYLIFE

3. MISSION X51-2: 365 GP PROVIDES ESCORT FOR IX BD AS FOLLOWS:

PLAN "A". ZERO HOUR TO FOLLOW.

(1) 1 SQDN 365 GP PROVIDES ESCORT FOR 2 GPS ATTACKING A-631930. R/V AT S-5558 FIRST GP AT ZERO PLUS 20. ROUTE: R/V - A-3778 - TARGET - TURN LEFT - RETRACE. SQDN WILL REMAIN IN AREA TO PROVIDE WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT TO SECOND GP ATTACKING 10 MINUTES LATER.

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15 MINUTES LATER.

1ST GP  
2ND GPBOMBER C/S  
HANDGIRL  
MUSKRATFIGHTER C/S  
JUDITH

PLAN "B" ZERO HOUR: 1800A HRS.

(1) 1 SQDN 367 GP WILL ESCORT 2 GPS. R/V AT S-5536 WITH FIRST GP AT ZERO PLUS 38. ROUTE: R/V - A-3977 - TARGET (T-343295) - TURN LEFT - 1 - 1968 - 0-7808 - BASE. SQDN WILL REMAIN IN TARGET AREA TO PROVIDE WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT TO SECOND GP ATTACKING 15 MINUTES LATER.

1ST GP  
2ND GPBOMBER C/S  
FUZZY  
FUZZYFIGHTER C/S  
MUSTARD  
JUDITH

(2) 1 SQDN 367 GP WILL ESCORT 2 GPS. R/V AT S-5536 FIRST GP AT ZERO PLUS 71. ROUTE: R/V - A-2161 - TARGET (T-221152) - TURN LEFT - A-4679 - S-6271. SQDN WILL REMAIN IN TARGET AREA TO PROVIDE WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT TO SECOND GP ATTACKING 15 MINUTES LATER.

1ST GP  
2ND GPBOMBER C/S  
MORTGAGE  
CRACKLINGFIGHTER C/S  
GAYLIFE  
MUSTARD

(3) 1 SQDN 367 GP WILL ESCORT 2 GPS. R/V AT S-5536 FIRST GP AT ZERO MINUS 22. ROUTE: R/V/A A-1971 TO TARGET (A-631836) - TURN LEFT AND RETRACE. SQDN WILL REMAIN IN TARGET AREA TO PROVIDE WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT TO SECOND GP ATTACKING 15 MINUTES LATER.

1ST GP  
2ND GPBOMBER C/S  
HANDGIRL  
MUSKRATFIGHTER C/S  
JUDITH  
GAYLIFE

3. MISSION X51-2: 365 GP PROVIDES ESCORT FOR IN BB AS FOLLOWS:

PLAN "A", ZERO HOUR TO FOLLOW:

(1) 1 SQDN 365 GP PROVIDES ESCORT FOR 2 GPS ATTACKING A-631836. R/V AT S-5536 FIRST GP AT ZERO PLUS 29. ROUTE: R/V - A-3712 - TARGET - TURN LEFT - RETRACE. SQDN WILL REMAIN IN AREA TO PROVIDE WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT TO SECOND GP ATTACKING 15 MINUTES LATER.

1ST GP  
2ND GPBOMBER C/S  
BREWER  
COFFEEFIGHTER C/S  
SHOWDOWN  
SHOWDOWN

(2) 1 SQDN 365 PROVIDES AREA COVER FOR 1 GP ATTACKING NIKAN A-187608 ZERO PLUS 38. BOMBER C/S: "QUICKSTART", FIGHTER C/S "POKER".

(3) 1 SQDN 365 PROVIDES AREA COVER FOR 2 GPS ATTACKING A-146128.

1ST GP ZERO PLUS 38  
2ND GP ZERO PLUS 40BOMBER C/S  
SKIPPER  
BRASSHUTFIGHTER C/S  
POKER  
POKER

PLAN "B" ZERO HOUR 1800A HRS.

(1) 1 SQDN 365 GP WILL PROVIDE ESCORT FOR 2 GPS ATTACKING A-572671. R/V AT 0-7808 WITH FIRST GP. ZERO PLUS 12. ROUTE TO A-2198 TO TARGET - TURN LEFT TO A-1968 - 3-3280 - BASE. SQDN WILL REMAIN IN AREA TO PROVIDE WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT TO SECOND GP ATTACKING 15 MINUTES LATER. C/S SAME AS PLAN "A".

(2) 1 SQDN 365 GP WILL PROVIDE AREA COVER FOR 1 GP ATTACKING A-187609, AT ZERO PLUS 145. C/S SAME AS PLAN "A".

(3) 1 SQDN 365 GP WILL PROVIDE AREA COVER FOR 2 GPS ATTACKING A-146128, FIRST GP AT ZERO PLUS 425 AND SECOND GP AT ZERO PLUS 138. C/S SAME AS PLAN "A".

X. (1) MISSION X51-1 AND X51-2 ARE IN REINDEER CODE.

(3) 1 SQDN 367 GP WILL ESCORT 2 GPS. R/V AT 9-5558 FIRST GP AT ZERO MINUS 22. ROUTE: R/VHO A-1971 TO TARGET (A-631936) - TURN LEFT AND RETRACE. SQDN WILL REMAIN IN TARGET AREA TO PROVIDE WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT TO SECOND GP ATTACKING 15 MINUTES LATER.

	<u>BOMBER C/S</u>	<u>FIGHTER C/S</u>
1ST GP	HANDGIRL	JUDITH
2ND GP	MUSKRAT	GAYLIFE

3. MISSION X51-2: 365 GP PROVIDES ESCORT FOR IX BD AS FOLLOWS:

PLAN "A", ZERO HOUR TO FOLLOW.

(1) 1 SQDN 365 GP PROVIDES ESCORT FOR 2 GPS ATTACKING A-631936. R/V AT 9-5558 FIRST GP AT ZERO PLUS 20. ROUTE: R/V - A-3778 - TARGET - TURN LEFT - RETRACE. SQDN WILL REMAIN IN AREA TO PROVIDE WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT TO SECOND GP ATTACKING 10 MINUTES LATER.

	<u>BOMBER C/S</u>	<u>FIGHTER C/S</u>
1ST GP	BREWER	SHOWDOWN
2ND GP	COFFEE	SHOWDOWN

(2) 1 SQDN 365 PROVIDES AREA COVER FOR 1 GP ATTACKING ~~XXXX~~ A-187609 ZERO PLUS 30. BOMBER C/S: "QUICKSTART", FIGHTER C/S "POKER".

(3) 1 SQDN 365 PROVIDES AREA COVER FOR 2 GPS ATTACKING A-146128.

<u>TMT</u>	<u>BOMBER C/S</u>	<u>FIGHTER C/S</u>
1ST GP ZERO PLUS 30	SKIPPER	POKER
2ND GP ZERO PLUS 40	BRASSNUT	POKER

PLAN "B" ZERO HOUR 1000A HRS.

(1) 1 SQDN 365 GP WILL PROVIDE ESCORT FOR 2 GPS ATTACKING A-572671. R/V AT 0-7805 WITH FIRST GP. ZERO PLUS 12. ROUTE TO A-2190 TO TARGET - TURN LEFT TO A-1968 - S-3580 - BASE. SQDN WILL REMAIN IN AREA TO PROVIDE WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT TO SECOND GP ATTACKING 15 MINUTES LATER. C/S SAME AS PLAN "A".

(2) 1 SQDN 365 GP WILL PROVIDE AREA COVER FOR 1 GP ATTACKING A-187609, AT ZERO PLUS 145. C/S SAME AS PLAN "A".

(3) 1 SQDN 365 GP WILL PROVIDE AREA COVER FOR 2 GPS ATTACKING A-146128, FIRST GP AT ZERO PLUS 125 AND SECOND GP AT ZERO PLUS 130. C/S SAME AS PLAN "A".

X. (1) MISSIONS X51-1 AND X51-2 ARE IN REINDEER CODE.

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BT 230312A  
 CC INSERT TOO IN HEADING AS 230312A  
 CC MISSION X51-1: PART (1) WA PROVIDE WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT RPT WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT  
 MISSION X51-2: PART (2) WA ATTACKING A-187609 AT RPT A-187609 AT  
 CC UNDER X51-1: PLAN "B" PART 3.  
 WA R/V TO A-1971 RPT TO A-1971  
 HAWKINS BBBB  
 ITS (R) R.22/0500A DC K  
 SHOULD BE 23  
 JIO R.. 230508A PHD KK  
 ITT R.....230508A LC K  
 JIU T JDL JIU R.////..  
 JIF IS GOING TO TAKE FOR JDL KK  
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 JIF T JDL JIF R..23/0510A GRE KK  
 JIU R..23/0510A LP AR  
 XINXRX  
 JKE R..230510A H ECW KKK  
 JPD R..230510A BG KKK  
 JPS R..23/0513A LW AR K  
 JJI R..23/0510A HH KKK  
 JPA R..23/0515A WFN KK

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HEADQUARTERS  
368th FIGHTER GROUP

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AFD 595, US Army,  
22 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Cprop A Report. UAAF Form 3A.

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

Cprop A No. 299 for 24 hours ending sunset 18 December 1944.  
Operations Order No. 200, Para. 4, Mission Y21-3, IX Tactical  
Air Command.

A. The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 25 A/Cs on a total of 8 squadron missions, 18 December 1944 to support the 26th Infantry Division. Upon completion of bombing, squadrons will conduct an armed recon between the 26th 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. 68 A/Cs on 27 bombers, each carried 2x500 GP bombs and 17 A/Cs 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 Hoperaft but weather 1000 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.	
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 Hoperaft, 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/A cars and along R/W between F-27200 to F-27257. Bombing results were excellent. 10 R/A cars were destroyed. Some objects appeared to be black tanks containing oil and were left exploding and in flames after bombing.	

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Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time
2	396	16			after bombing enemy A/C were called into sqd. at Hildesheim F-113338. Sqd. encountered 6 FW 109s and 6 FW 190s at 15000 feet, some of the A/C appeared aggressive, others hid in clouds. During encounter, 2 FW 109s and 1 FW 190 were destroyed, 1 FW 190 probably destroyed and 1 FW 190 and 1 FW 109 damaged. (See section H).	
3	397	15	1148	1443	one A/C aborted due to pilot error returning 2-5000 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-2015. At 10000 feet sqd. was jumped by 30 FW 109s. 5 A/C released 10 bombs aimed and 4 A/C released 2-5000 GP unaimed at F-2040. 2 rockets were also jettisoned at F-2015. During encounter which followed, 1 FW 109s were destroyed, 1 FW 109 probably destroyed and one FW 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 109s and 2 other A/C were in this same encounter. It is believed that a FW 109 was alerted over F-2015 encounter. FW 109s were seen at F-1515 and sqd. saw chase but another FW 109 attacked and destroyed 1 FW 109. 12 rockets were released at home at F-1533, damaging 6 and destroying 2 white cars and 1 A/C. 6 FW 109s were destroyed and 6 damaged by strafing at F-1513.	
4	395	4	1246	1515	Flight of 4 A/C each carrying 4-5 AR rockets was scrambled to attack tank movement between F-2002 and F-2013. Due to overcast down to back, flight was unable to locate targets. Flight aborted because of weather and returned to home base.	
5	395	12	1246	1520	Sqd. flew to Haffalze F-6172 where they saw our vehicles and also British A/C. Sqd. tried to contact Hopercraft but weather was too bad. Sqd. was sent to vicinity of Anchen by separate sqd. 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.	1320
6	396	14	1334	1632	Sqd. because of bad weather over Hopercraft, contacted units who vectored sqd. to a target. 14 A/C released 20-5000 GP bombs on 20 plus tanks between F-710003 and F-717025. Excellent results were obtained. 25 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 F-2140 when sqd. was returning home - cause unknown.	1440

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Mission No.	SqS.	A/C Dispatched	Time UP	Time down	Target	Time
7	377	4	1610	1700	4 A/C each carrying 4-5" AR rockets	1540
8	377	4	1515	1740	Flight contacted Marwitz who tried to vector flight to target area but was unsuccessful. 2 A/C released 4-500/ of bombs on target of opportunity at Kreuzen F-129. Flares and explosion were observed. 1 A/C jettisoned 2-500/ of bombs because of darkness which prevented a/c from attacking target. The A/C jettisoned 2-500/ of bombs because of damage to A/C by flak. 2 jet propelled A/C were seen at 17000 feet between Charlois and Argent. Repaircraft did not respond to squadron call.	1700

A. 5 A/C were damaged by flak; two damaged by HE 109. Friendly troops were seen at Moschen K-2914. Many friendly vehicles were seen going south at F-693100 and K-7410. A 47 was seen burning on the ground at K-3316. The flak at F-1583 to F-2233 was light and heavy, moderate and fairly accurate; at F-6922 it was light, intense and accurate. The weather was generally 10/10 stratus cirrus from deck - tops at 8000 to 15000 feet. Later in the day it was 10/10 at 2000 to 2500 feet, also 10/10 from deck to 4000 feet. Visibility above overcast was good.

B. (4) 85 B7Ds (17 - escorts (16 of which each carried 4x5" AR rockets) (68 - D/Bombers - Support 28th Infantry Division - Armed recon over designated areas)

(11) 51 - (2 - escorts - Completed mission)  
(2 - D/Bombers)  
(15 - D/Bombers - R/A and 10 cars between F-279266 and F-279257)  
(5 - D/Bombers - Jettisoned armed at F-3040 because of attack by R/A at F-3040)  
(4 - D/Bombers - Jettisoned unarmed because of attack by R/A at F-3040)  
(24 - D/Bombers - 30 plus tanks between K-710009 and K-717025)  
(2 - D/Bombers - Target at Kreuzen F-129)  
(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 R/A.

(111) 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 - Ammeter for generator failed-giving faulty readings.

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- B. (iv) NIL  
(v) 1 (B/Bomber) - A/C last seen in area of F-2040 during encounter with ME 109s. Parachute was seen in area at time of encounter.  
(vi) NIL  
(vii) 8 - 3-Damaged by flak, 1 Cat. AC, 2 Cat. A.  
3-Damaged by E/A, Cat. AC.  
1-Damaged by E/A and flak, Cat. AC.  
1-Damaged by unknown cause, belly landed at E-0140, Cat. A.  
1-Damaged by friendly aircraft, Cat. AC.
- (viii) 84
- C. (i) 42 - 150 gal. American external belly tanks.  
(ii) 7
- D. (i) 19345  
(ii) NIL
- E. (i) 180200 rounds 50 cal.  
64 - 5<sup>th</sup> AR Rockets.  
(ii) 15943 - rounds 50 cal.  
12 - 5<sup>th</sup> AR Rockets - Houses, cars and W/Ts at E-1853.  
(iii) 2120 - rounds 50 cal.  
50 - 5<sup>th</sup> AR Rockets returned to base.  
2 - 5<sup>th</sup> AR Rockets - were jettisoned.
- F. (i) 136 - 500<sup>lb</sup> GP bombs (AN M103-insistent nose, AN M101A2-1/10 tail fusing)  
(ii) 72 - (30 - R/A lines and 10 G/Ws between F-279266 and F-278257)  
(28 - 30 plus tanks between E-710003 to E-717025)  
(4 - Target in town of Bremen E-1239)  
(10 - Armed at F-2040)  
(iii) 12 - 8 Jettisoned due to encounter with E/A.  
(iv) NIL  
52 - 500<sup>lb</sup> GP bombs returned to base.  
(A - By 2 abortive A/C)  
(AB - Due to weather conditions)
- G. 1 - Pilot - MR - 2nd Lt Jack I. Conant, O-71545. Pilot was last seen during encounter with enemy A/C at Nechemick. 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. In Air 7-2-3  
(i) 2-ME 109s - Captain John W Deas, 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.

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- ii. (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. Bamer, 396th Fighter Sqd.  
 1-FW 190 - 2nd Lt Albert P. Brimadino, 396th Fighter Sqd.  
 1-ME 109 - 2nd Lt Milton A Weinstein, 397th Fighter Sqd.  
 (iv) 38 - ME 109s  
 6 - FW 190s

Other Claims:

M/As	9-0-6
C/As	10-0-0
Tenks	15-0-18

For the Commanding Officer:

MAURICE D FOSKEL  
 Captain, Air Corps,  
 Ass't. Adjutant.

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SUMMARY OF AIR OPERATIONS FOR 22 DECEMBER 1944

SUMMARY OF AIR PLAN FOR THE DAY

Of the available air effort 33.1/3% will support the 1st Infantry Division; 33.1/3% will support the 7th Armored Division; and 33.1/3% will support the 50th Infantry Division.

The 422nd Night Fighter Squadron will conduct night operations.

SUMMARY OF GROUND PLAN FOR THE DAY

No information available.

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No	Req Unit	req No	Mission & Target	TOT Req	Actual TOT	Air Unit Notified	Results from Air or Ground Unit or Reason if not Completed	Air Unit	No & Type A/C	No & Type Bombs	Fuse
1	FUSA	Y21-1	Support 1st Inf Div.	All Day		0700	Cancelled due to weather.	366			
2	FUSA	Y21-2	Support 7th Arm Div.	All Day		0700	Cancelled due to weather.	365			
3	FUSA	Y21-3	Support 30th Inf Div.	All Day		0700	Cancelled due to weather.	366			
4	FUSA	Y21-4	Night intruder missions for E/A.	All Night		0700	No results recorded.	422			
5	FUSA	Y21-5	Night intruder missions in area Bonn & Wahn A/D's.	All Night		0700	No results recorded.	422			
			<u>DELAYED REPORT</u>								
6	FUSA	C.O. 284 NF	Night intruder missions for E/A.	All Night	1631- 1730	21 Dec	3 passes on column of M/Ts at P1080, hits observed.	422	5 P-61	None	

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FIRST U. S. ARMY AND IX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND  
SUMMARY OF AIR OPERATIONS FOR 21 DECEMBER 1944

SUMMARY OF AIR PLAN FOR THE DAY

Of the available air effort 16.6% will give close support to the 9th and 2nd Infantry Divisions; 16.6% will support the 1st Infantry Division; 16.6% will support the 106th Infantry Division; 16.6% will support the 82nd Airborne Division; 16.6% will support the 7th Armored Division; and 16.6% will support the 101st Airborne Division.

In addition to above there will be one group of the XIX TAC and two groups of the XXIX TAC under operational control.

The 422nd Night Fighter Squadron will conduct night operations.

SUMMARY OF GROUND PLAN FOR THE DAY

No information available.

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No	Req Unit	Req No	Mission & Target	TOT Req	Actual TOT	Air Unit Notified	Results from Air or Ground Unit or Reason if not Completed	Air Unit	No & Type A/C	No & Type Bombs	Fuse
1	FUSA	Y21-1	Support 9th & 2nd Inf Div.	All Day		0100	Cancelled due to weather.		368		
2	FUSA	Y21-2	Support 1st Inf Div.	All Day		0100	Cancelled due to weather.		370		
3	FUSA	Y21-3	Support 106th Inf Div.	All Day		0100	Cancelled due to weather.		366		
4	FUSA	Y21-4	Support 82nd Airborne Div.	All Day		0100	Cancelled due to weather.		365		
5	FUSA	Y21-5	Support 7th Arm'd Div.	All Day		0100	Cancelled due to weather.		367		
6	FUSA	Y21-6	Support 101st Airborne Div.	All Day		0100	Cancelled due to weather.		474		
7	FUSA	Y21-7	A/R area Z2029-0680-3775.	21 Dec		0100	Cancelled due to weather.		354		
8	FUSA	Y21-8	Support 78th & 8th Inf Div.	21 Dec		0100	Cancelled due to weather.		XXIX TAC		
9	FUSA	Y21-9	A/R area Z0680-U0421-U1320- U3718-23676.	21 Dec		0100	Cancelled due to weather.		XXIX TAC		
10	FUSA	Y21-10	L/B & strafe enemy trps & veh around St. Hubert.	All Day		1059	Cancelled due to weather.		370		
11	FUSA	Y21-11	Night intruder mission for E/A bet A-78 & front lines.	All Night		1544	No results recorded.		422		
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 CO, 422 NIGHT FTR SQDN  
 CO, 64 AIRDROME SQDN  
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 OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 284

THE FOLLOWING MISSIONS WILL BE PERFORMED AND STATUS EXISTS FOR UNITS  
 OF THIS COMMAND ON 21 DECEMBER 1944:

1. STATUS OF ALERT FLIGHTS:

GROUP	NO. OF A/C	SITE
365	4	A-84
366	4	Y-8/III Y-29
367	4	A-68
474	4	A-78
67	4	A-87

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 97 924-29 XAX  
 215-31 FWH  
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FLIGHTS WILL REMAIN ON A FIVE (5) MINS. ALERT STATUS FROM OFFICIAL  
 DAYLIGHT TO OFFICIAL DARK.

2. MISSION Y21-1: THREE SQDNS OF 368 GP WILL PROVIDE CLOSE SUPPORT FOR  
 THE 9TH INF DIV (SEASCOUT) R/V AT K-9024 AND THE 2ND INF DIV (HOPTIEXXX  
 KMBRIEM(HOPTIDE), R/V AT K-8815. CONTACT ON "D" (DOG) CHANNEL THEN  
 SWITCH TO "A" (ABLE) CHANNEL. FOR SMOKE SEE S.O.P. THIS QXXX HQS,  
 15 DECEMBER 1944. BOMB LOAD: 12 X 2 X 500

LB GP BOMBS FUSED INSTANTAN-  
 EOUSLY, PLUS 4 A/C LOADING ROCKETS PER JXXX 16 A/C SQDNS. TAKE OFF:  
 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER FIRST LIGHT, OTHER SQDNS TO FOLLOW AT  
 ONE (1) HR INTERVALS THROUGHOUT THE DAY. SQDN SWILL INVESTIGATE  
 SCHMIDTHEIM (M-1602) FOR POSIXXX POSSIBLE ENEMY TANKS. THIS IS A  
 SECONDARY TARGET.

3. MISSION IXX Y21-2: THREE SQDNS OF TE XXX THE 370 GP WILL PROVIDE  
 CLOSE SUPPORT FOR THE 1ST INF DIV (BOOTY), R/V AT C-8510. CONTACT  
 ON "D" (DOG) CHANNEL THEN SWITCH TO "A" (ABLE) CHANNEL. FOR SMOKE  
 SEE S.P.P. THIS HQS, 15 DECEMBER 1944. BOMB LOAD: 160 X 2 X 1000  
 LB GP BOMBS FUSED INSTANTANEOUSLY PER 16 A/C SQDNS. TAKE OFF:  
 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER FIRST LIGHT, OTHER SQDNS TO FOLLOW AT ONE  
 (1) HR INTERVALS THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

4. MISSION Y21-3: THREE SQDNS OF THE 366 GP WILL PROVIDE CLOS XXXX  
 CLOSE SUPPORT FOR THE 10TH INF DIV (UNISTDRIVE), R/V AT K-8090.  
 CONTACT ON "D" (DOG) CHANNEL THEN SWITCH TO "A" (ABLE) CHANNEL.

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OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 284

THE FOLLOWING MISSIONS WILL BE PERFORMED AND STATUS EXISTS FOR UNITS OF THIS COMMAND ON 21 DECEMBER 1944:

1. STATUS OF ALERT FLIGHTS:

GROUP	NO. OF A/C	SITE
365	4	A-84
366	4	Y-8/III Y-29
367	4	A-68
474	4	A-78
67	4	A-87

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FLIGHTS WILL REMAIN ON A FIVE (5) MINS. ALERT STATUS FROM OFFICIAL DAYLIGHT TO OFFICIAL DARK.

2. MISSION Y21-1: THREE SQDNS OF 368 GP WILL PROVIDE CLOSE SUPPORT FOR THE 9TH INF DIV (SEASCOUT) R/V AT K-9024 AND THE 2ND INF DIV (HOPTIEXXXX) R/V AT K-8815. CONTACT ON "D" (DOG) CHANNEL THEN SWITCH TO "A" (ABLE) CHANNEL. FOR SMOKE SEE S.O.P. THIS HQS, 15 DECEMBER 1944. BOMB LOAD: 12 X 2 X 500

LB GP BOMBS FUSED INSTANTANEOUSLY, PLUS 4 A/C LOADING ROCKETS PER JXXX 16 A/C SQDNS. TAKE OFF: AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER FIRST LIGHT, OTHER SQDNS TO FOLLOW AT ONE (1) HR INTERVALS THROUGHOUT THE DAY. SQND SUILL INVESTIGATE SCHMIDTHEIM (M-1602) FOR POSSIBLE ENEMY TANKS. THIS IS A SECONDARY TARGET.

3. MISSION Y21-2: THREE SQDNS OF TE XXX THE 370 GP WILL PROVIDE CLOSE SUPPORT FOR THE 1ST INF DIV (BOOTY), R/V AT G-8510. CONTACT ON "D" (DOG) CHANNEL THEN SWITCH TO "A" (ABLE) CHANNEL. FOR SMOKE SEE S.P.P. THIS HQS, 15 DECEMBER 1944. BOMB LOAD: 16 X 2 X 1000 LB GP BOMBS FUSED INSTANTANEOUSLY PER 16 A/C SQDNS. TAKE OFF: AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER FIRST LIGHT, OTHER SQDNS TO FOLLOW AT ONE (1) HR INTERVALS THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

4. MISSION Y21-3: THREE SQDNS OF THE 366 GP WILL PROVIDE CLOSE SUPPORT FOR THE 106TH INF DIV (WHISTDRIVE), R/V AT M-8090. CONTACT ON "D" (DOG) CHANNEL THEN SWITCH TO "A" (ABLE) CHANNEL. FOR SMOKE SEE S.O.P. THIS HQS, 15 DECEMBER 1944. BOMB LOAD: 16 X 2 X 500 LB GP BOMBS FUSED INSTANTANEOUSLY PER 16 A/C SQDNS. TAKE OFF: AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER FIRST LIGHT, OTHER SQDNS TO FOLLOW AT ONE (1) HR INTERVALS THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

5. MISSION Y21-4: THREE SQDNS OF THE 365 GP WILL PROVIDE CLOSE SUPPORT FOR THE 82ND AIRBORNE DIV (WETRAG), R/V AT M-8090.

5. MISSION Y21-4: THREE SQDNS OF TEXX THE 365 GP WILL PROVIDE CLOSE SUPPORT FOR THE 82ND AIRBORNE DIV (FORGER), R/V AT G-5505. CONTACT ON "D" (DOG) CHANNEL AND THEN SWITCH TO "A" (ABLE) CHANNEL FOR SMOKE SEE S.O.P. THIS HQS, 15 DECEMBER 1944. SECONDARY TARGET: SQDNS WILL INVESTIGATE REPORTED WELL CAMOUFLAGED TANKS IN STOUTMONT (G-6302). BOMB LOAD: 16 X 2 X 500 LB GP BOMBS FUSED INSTANTANEOUSLY PER 16 A/C SQDNS. TAKE OFF: AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER FIRST LIGHT, OTHER SQDNS TO FOLLOW AT ONE (1) HR INTERVALS THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

6. MISSION Y21-5: THREE SQDNS OF THE 367 GP WILL PROVIDE CLOSE SUPPORT FOR THE 7TH ARMORED DIV (WETRAG), R/V AT M-8090. CONTACT ON "D" (DOG) CHANNEL THEN SWITCH TO "A" (ABLE) CHANNEL. FOR SMOKE SEE S.O.P. THIS HQS, 15 DECEMBER 1944. BOMB LOAD: 16 X 2 X 1000 LB GP BOMBS FUSED INSTANTANEOUSLY PER 16 A/C SQDNS. TAKE OFF: AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER FIRST LIGHT OTHER SQDNS TO FOLLOW AT ONE (1) HR INTERVALS THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

7. MISSION Y21-6: THREE SQDNS OF THE 474 GP WILL PROVIDE CLOSE SUPPORT FOR THE 101ST AIRBORNE DIV (MAESTRO), R/V AT M-5555. CONTACT ON "D" (DOG) CHANNEL THEN SWITCH TO "A" (ABLE) CHANNEL. FOR SMOKE SEE S.O.P. THIS HQS, 15 DECEMBER 1944. BOMB LOAD: 16 X 2 X 1000 LB GP BOMBS FUSED INSTANTANEOUSLY PER 16 A/C SQDNS. TAKE OFF: AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER FIRST LIGHT, OTHER XXX OTHER SQDNS TO FOLLOW AT ONE (1) HR INTERVALS THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

8. MISSION Y21-7: THREE SQDNS OF THE 354 GP WILL PERFORM AN ARMED RECCE IN THE AREA...

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7. MISSION Y21-6: THREE SQDNS OF THE 354 GP WILL PERFORM AN ARMED RECCE FOR THE 101ST AIRBORNE DIV (MAESTRO), R/V AT X-5555. CONTACT ON "D" (DOC) CHANNEL THEN SWITCH TO "A" (ABLE) CHANNEL. FOR SMOKE SEE S.O.P. THIS HQS, 15 DECEMBER 1944. BOMB LOAD: 16 X 2 X 1000 LB GP BOMBS FUSED INSTANTANEOUSLY PER 16 A/C SQDNS. TAKE OFF: AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER FIRST LIGHT, OTHER XXX OTHER SQDNS TO FOLLOW AT ONE (1) HR INTERVALS THROUGHOUT TXXX THE DAY.

8. MISSION Y21-7: THREE SQDNS OF THE 354 GP WILL PERFORM AN ARMED RECCE IN THE AREA BOUNDED BY: Z-2000, NORTH ALONG BOMB LINE TO Z-0600, EAST TO Z-3775, SOUTH TO Z-2029. PRIMARY DUTY TO BOMB AND STRAFE ALL ENEMY ROAD TRAFFIC. SPECIAL TARGETS TO BE ATTACKED PRIOR TO ARMED RECCE ARE TWO PONTOON BRIDGES LOCATED AT Z-046363 AND Z-052361. BOMB LOAD: FUSING AND TIMINGS AT GP LEADERS DISCRETION.

9. MISSION Y21-8: ONE GROU PXXX OF THE XXIX TAC WILL SUPPOXXX SUPPORT THE 78TH INF DIV (FOUNDATION), R/V AT F-9628 AND THE 8TH XXXX 8TH INF DIV (STANZA), R/V AT F0036. SQDN LEADERS WILL CHECK IN WITH "MARMITE/" ON "B" (BAKER) CHANNEL TO RECEIVE PROPER OXXX CONTROL. BOMB LOAD: FUSINGS AND TIMINGS AT GP LEADERS DISCRETION.

10. MISSION Y21-9: ONE GROUP OF THE XXIX TAC WILL PERFORM AN ARMED RECCE IN THE AREA BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS: PRUM (Z0680), NORTH ALONG BOMB LINE TO U-0421, EAST TO GEMUND (U1320) EAST TO MUNSTEREIFEL (U3718), SOUTH TO Z3676, WEST TO PRUM KXXX (Z0680). PARTICULAR ATTENTION WILL BE PAID TO MAIN ROAD LINES IN THAT ARE XXX AREA AND ALL ENEMY RAIL OR ROAD TRAFFIC WILL BE BOMBED OR STRAFFED. SQDNS WILL ALSO CHECK WEINSHEIM (Z0982) FOR CAMOUFLAGED CONCENTRATION OF ENEMY TANKS. BOMB LOAD, FUSINGS AND TAKE OFF AT GP LEADERS DISCRETION.

11. XXIX TAC WILL PROVIDE ESCORT FOR IX BOBARDMENT DIVISION IF NECESSARY.

1. SPITFIRES, TEMPESTS, TYPHOONS, B-26'S AND A-20'S WILL BE OPERATING IN OUR AEXXX AREA ON 21 DECEMBER 1944.
2. INTELLIGENCE SOURCES WHIXXX WHICH HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED BY PILOTS REPORTS INDICATE THE GERMANS ARE MARKING THEIR VEHICLES WITH THREE (3) WHITE SPOTS WHICH FROM THE AIR RESEMBLES THE ALLIED MARKING OF THE WHITE STAR. ANY VEHICLES SO MARKED WILL THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED AND CAREFULLY IDENTIFIED BEFORE ATTACK.
3. MAXIMUM EFFORT WILL BE MAINTAINED BY ALL GROUPS.
4. SQDNS WILL USE ROCKETS TO A MAXIMUM DEGREE, DISTRIBUTION THROUGHOUT THE GROUP SO AS TO HAVE EQUAL DISTRIBUTION AMONG THE SQDNS.
5. ALL PILOTS WILL BE PREPARED FOR AIR FIGHTING AT ALL TIMES AS THE GAF WAS VERY ACTIVE AND MAY BE EXPECTED TO BE OUT IN FORCE AGAIN.
6. A/C OF THE 2ND T.A.F. WILL ATAXXX ATTACK TARGETS EAST OF HORIZONTAL LINE DRAWN BETWEEN THE COORDINATES OF F-1080 AND L-4080.
7. A/C OF XIX AND XXIX TAC'S ARE OPERATING IN OUR AREAS THROUGHOUT DAY'S OPERATIONS, 21 DECEMBER 1944.
8. DUE TO SECURITY RASXXX REASONS, ALL L GRID COORDINATES FOR 21 DECEMBER 1944, ON THIS OPERATIONS ORDER ARE IN REINDEER CODE.
9. "SWEEPSTAKES" CONTROL WILL BE ON THE AIR 21 DECEMBER XXXRMMXX 1944. CONTACT WILL BE MADE ON "B" (BAKER) CHANNEL. GROUPS FROM OTHER COMMANDS TO CHECK IN WITH "SWEEPSTAKES" ON "B" (BAKER) CHANNEL.
10. WHEN SQDNS HAVE COMPLETED WORK WITH THEIR ASSIGNED GROUND UNITS, THEY WILL (FUEL AND AMMO PERMITTING) PERFORM AN ARMED RECCE DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF HEXXX THEIR GROUND UNITS. EXTREME CARE TO BE TAKEN ON IDENTITY OF GROUND TARGETS PRIOR TO ATTACK, DUE TO A FLUID SITUATION.
11. IF WEATHER IS SUCH THAT SQDNS CANNOT OPERATE AS SQDNS, GP LEADERS HAVE PERMISSION TO CHANGE THIS OPS ORDER SO THAT FOUR (4) PLANE FLIGHTS WILL TAKE OFF EVERY FIFTEEN (15) MINUTES.
12. THE FOLLOWING MISSIONS WILL BE PERFORMED BY THE 67TH TAC RCNG GP ON 21 DECEMBER, OXXX 1944.:
  1. FIVE MISSIONS IN VII CORPS AREA:

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OTHER COMMANDS TO CHECK IN WITH "SLEEPSTAKE" OR "B" (LEADER) CHANNEL.

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12. THE FOLLOWING MISSIONS WILL BE PERFORMED BY THE 67TH TAC RCNG GP ON 21 DECEMBER, OXXX 1944.:

1. FIVE MISSIONS IN VII CORPS AREA:

MISSION	TOA
TR/FA/21/1	FIRST LIGHT
" " " 2	1000A HRS
" " " 3	1200
" " " 4	1400
" " " 5	1500

2. FIVE MISSIONS IN V CORPS AREA:

XXXX MISSION	TOA
TR/FA/21/6	FIRST LIGHT
" " " 7	1000A HRS
" " " 8	1200
" " " 9	1400
" " " 10	1500

3. FIVE MISSIONS IN VIII CORPS AREA:

MISSION	TOA
TR/FA/21/11	FIRST LIGHT
" " " 12	1000A HRS
" " " 13	1200
" " " 14	1400
" " " 15	1500

4. SIX ARTILLERY RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS:

MISSION	TOA
A/V/21/1	1000A HRS
A/V/21/2	1130
Z/V/21/3	1400
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A/VIII/21/1	1000
A/VIII/21/2	1300
A/32/21/1	1130

5. (A) PILOTS IN ALL AREAS TO REPORT ENEMY MOVEMENT, LOCATION, COMPOSITION, AND DIRECTION.

(B) PILOTS IN VII CORPS AREA CHECK THE FOLLOWING ROADS FOR ENEMY MOVEMENT:

- (1) JULICH TO DUREN
- (2) F-0659 TO ELLEN F-1251 TO DUREN.
- (3) ELSDORF F-1760 TO BUIR F-1851 TO BLATCHEIM F-2251.
- (4) DURNXXX DUREN TO KREUSCAU F-1139 TO MIDDEGAN F-1133 TO SCHMIDT F-10//// F-0629 TO MONCHAU.
- (5) KREUSCAU F-1139 TO BERG F-1432 TO WOLLERSHEIM F-1730 TO GEMUND F-1220.
- (6) DUREN TO FROITZHEIM F-1735 TO ZULPICH TO ESKIRCHENXXXXXX ERXXX EUSKIRCHEN.
- (7) BLATZHEIM F-2251 TO GLADBACH F-2241 TO ZULPICH.
- (8) LIBLAR F-3546 TO LECHENICH F-3245 TO ERP F-2841 TO ZULPICH.
- (9) BRUHL F-4246 TO ESUXXX EUSKIRCHEN F-3329 TO GEMUND F-1220 TO EINRUHR F-0421 TO KESTERNICH F-0024.
- (10) MODRATH TO DUREN; ALL ROADS SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST OF

A/V/21/1 1800A HRS  
 A/V/21/2 1130  
 Z/V/21/3 1400  
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 A/VIII/21/1 1000  
 A/VIII/21/2 1300  
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(B) PILOTS IN VII CORPS AREA CHECK THE FOLLOWING ROADS FOR ENEMY MOVEMENT:

- (1) JULICH TO DUREN
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- (7) BLATZHEIM F-2251 TO GLADBACH F-2241 TO ZULPICH.
- (8) LIBLAR F-3546 TO LECHENICH F-3245 TO ERP F-2841 TO ZULPICH.
- (9) BRUHL F-4248 TO ESUXXX EUSKIRCHEN F-3329 TO GEMUND F-1220 TO EINRUHR F-0421 TO KESTERNICH F-0024.
- (10) MODRATH TO DUREN; ALL ROADS SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST OF ZULPICH.

(C) PILOTS IN V CORPS AREA AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) CHECK MAIN ROADS LEADING INTO STAVELOT K-7101 FROM SOUTH AND EAST.
- (2) CHECK THE AREA AROUND FOLLOWING POINTS FOR MOVEMENT ON ROADS AND CONCENTRATION OF ARMOR AND VEHICLES: STADKYLL (L-1495) KRINKELT (K-9704) TO MONCHAU (9418).

(D) PILOTS IN VIII CORPS AREA CHECK FOLLOWING AREAS:

- (1) AREA DIRECTLY NORTH, NORTHEAST, NORTH AND SOUTH OF BASTOGNE (.P-5557) FOR ENEMY MOVEMENT INTO THE BASTOGNE AREA.
- (2) CHECK OUR RIVER FROM P-9642 TO P-8779 TO LOCAT XXXX LOCATE REINFORCEMENTS IN THIS AREA OR MOVING FROM OR THROUGH IT.
- (3) CHECK AREA DIRECTLY EAST AND NORTHEAST OF ST VITH (P-8588) FOR ENEMY MOVEMENT OR CONCENTRATIONS.
- (4) CHECK THE AREA FROM TRIER (L-2030) TO THE NORTH TO LAMERSDORF (L-2488) FOR ENEMY MOVEMENT.

6. NUMBER OF A/C AT SQDN C.O.'S DISCRETION.

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 THAT IS LINE 4  
 16 X 2 X 1000 LB GP BOMBS FUSED INSTANTANEOUSLY PER 16 A/C SQDNS.  
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 JDL R.21/0140A RYAN AR  
 JIU R.21/0140A AH KK  
 JPS R.21/0140A OS KKK AR  
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 CG, 2ND TAF MAIN  
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 CG, IX TAC (REAR)  
 CO, 67TH TAC/RCN GP  
 CO, 422ND NIGHT FTR SQDN  
 CO, 64TH AIRDROE SQDN  
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 CO, "B5, 555 SIG AW BN (2 CYS VIA COURIER)  
 CO, "F", 555 SIG AW BN (2 CYS VIA COURIER)  
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 ASP OFFICER, VII CORPS  
 ASP OFFICER, XVIII A/B CORPS

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HQ IX TAC (ADV)  
 21 DECEMBER 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 285.

THE FOLLOWING MISSIONS WILL BE PERFORMED AND STATUS EXISTS FOR/EXISTS ON UNITS OF THIS COMMAND ON 22 DECEMBER 1944:

1. STATUS OF ALERT FLIGHTS:

GROUP	NO. OF A/C	SITE
365	4	A-84
366	4	Y-29
367	4	A-68
370	4	A-78
67	4	A-87

FLIGHTS WILL REMAIN ON A FIVE (5) MINS ALERT STATUS FROM OFFICIAL DAYLIGHT TO OFFICIAL DARK.

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3. MISSION Y21-2: THREE SQDNS OF THE 365 GP WILL PROVIDE CLOSE SUPPORT FOR THE 7; -A.9438 88; WETRAG, R/V AT 47896. CONTACT ON 2/ "D" (DOG) CHANNEL THEN SWITCH TO "A" (ABLE) CHANNEL. FOR SMOKE SEE S.O.P. THIS HQS, 15 DECEMBER 1944. IF NO SUITABLE TARGETS ARE AVAILABLE...

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CC, IX TAC (REAR)  
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 CO, 422ND NIGHT FTR SQDN  
 CO, 64TH AIRBORNE SQDN  
 CO's, 365, 366, 367, 368, 370 ARND 47AFTR GPs  
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 CO, "B5", 555 SIG AV BN (2 CYS VIA COURIER)  
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368	4	A-54
368	4	Y-29
367	4	A-68
370	4	A-78
67	4	A-87

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3. MISSION Y21-2: THREE SQDNS OF THE 365 GP WILL PROVIDE CLOSE SUPPORT FOR THE 7; -4.9438 S8; WETRAG), R/V AT G-7090. CONTACT ON 2/ "D" (DOG) CHANNEL THEN SWITCH TO "A" (ABLE) CHANNEL. FOR SMOKE SEE 390/P/ S.O.P. THIS HQS, 15 DECEMBER 1944. IF NO SUITABLE TARGETS ARE AVAILABLE AN ARMED RECCE WILL BE PERFORMED AS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH X. BOMB LOAD: 16 X 2 X 500 LB GP BOMBS FUSED INSTANTANEOUSLY PER 16 A/C SQDNS. TAKE OFF: SEE PARAGRAPH X.

4. MISSION Y21-3: THREE SQDNS OF THE 366 GP WILL PROVIDE CLOSE SUPPORT FOR THE 30TH INF. DIV. (BRIGHTSIDE), R/V AT G-6610. CONTACT ON "D" (DOG) CHANNEL THEN SWITCH TO "A" (ABLE) CHANNEL. THE FOLLOWING ARE POSSIBLE TARGETS: TANKS AND INFANTRY AT G-630027 TO BE ATTACKED BETWEEN 220900A AND 221000A, NOT RPT NOT TO BE ATTACKED AFTER 221000A HRS., TANKS AND INFANTRY AT G-6503 TO BE ATTACKED BETWEEN 221000 A HRS AND 221100 HRS, VERY CLOSE SUPPORT. DO NOT BOMB WITHOUT RADIO CONTACT. FOR SMOKE SEE S.O.P. THIS HQS, 15 DECEMBER 1944. IF NO SUITABLE TARGETS ARE AVAILABLE AN ARMED RECCE WILL BE PERFORMED AS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH X. BOMB LOAD: 16 X 2 X 500 LB GM// G.P. BOMBS FUSED INSTANTANEOUS PER 16 A/C SQDNS . TAKE OFF/ SEE PARAGRAPH X.

5. THREE SQDNS OF THE 370 GP, THREE SQDNS OF 367 GP, AND THREE SQDNS OF 47A GP WILL BE UNDER OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF XIX TAC AND WILL RECEIVE OPS ORDER FOR MISSIONS FROM XIX TAC.

X. 1. ARMED RECCE AREA FOR ALL GROUPS WILL BE THE BATTLE AREA R/// BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING COORDINATES:

G-787045, G-715010, I-300835, I-460780, I-855885, Y-090880,  
 G-912040 2/297 G-787045.

UNITS WILL COVER AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE THE ROADNET WITHIN TIS AREA ON EACH MISSION.

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5. THREE SQDNS OF THE 370 GP, THREE SQDNS OF 367 GP, AND THREE SQDNS OF 474 GP WILL BE UNDER OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF XIX TAC AND WILL RECEIVE OPS ORDER FOR MISSIONS FROM XIX TAC.

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 G-787045, G-715010, I-300835, I-460780, I-855885, Y-090880,  
 G-912040 ~~G-787045~~ G-787045.  
 UNITS WILL COVER AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE THE ROADNET WITHIN THIS AREA ON EACH MISSION.

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2. TARGETS REQUESTED BY DIVISIONS WILL NOT BE ATTACKED UNLESS IN THE SQUADRON LEADERS' OPINION THEY ARE WORTHWHILE. STRAFFING WOODS AND TOWNS WHERE NO ENEMY TROOPS OR ARMOR ARE VISIBLE AND NO RESULTS COULD BE SEEN ARE NOT CONSIDERED SUITABLE. IT IS KNOWN THAT THE ENEMY HAS MANY VEHICLES ON THE ROAD THROUGHOUT THE AREA AND SPECIAL EMPHASIS MUST BE PLACED/// PLACED ON THE ARMED RECCE// RECCE OF ROADNETS AT THE EXPENSE OF SMALLER TARGETS.
  3. FRIENDLY AND ENEMY TROOPS AND VEHICLES ARE THROUGHOUT THE AREA THEREFORE TARGETS MUST BE DEFINITELY SEEN AND IDENTIFIED REPEAT IDENTIFIED BEFORE ATTACKING.
  4. MAXIMUM EFFORT WILL BE A// MAINTAINED BY ALL GROUPS.
  5. VROCKETS WILL BE USED TO THE MAXIMUM AND DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT THE GROUP EQUALLY.

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6. AIRCRAFT OF THE XIX, XXIX TACS AND 2ND TAF WILL NOT BE OPERATIOXX OPERATING IN ~~REINDEER/COZY~~ THE RECCE AREA.
  7. ALL GRID COORDINATES FOR 22 DEC 1944 ON THIS OPERATIONS ORDER ARE IN REINDEER CODE.
  8. "SWEEPSTAKES" CONTROL WILL BE ON "B" BAKER CHANNEL.
  9. IF WEATHER IS SUCH THAT SQDNS CANNOT OPERATE AT FULL STRENGTH IT WILL BE THE GROUP LEADER'S DISCRETION AS TO NUMBER OF AIRPLANES THAT CAN OPERATE TO THE BEST ADVANTAGE.
  10. INTELLIGENCE SOURCES INDICATE THAT GERMANS ARE MARKING THEIR VEHICLES WITH THREE(3) WHITE SPOTS WHICH FROM THE AIR RESEMBLE THE ALLY ALLIED WHITE STARS.
  11. TAKE OFF FOR FIRST SQDN WILL BE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER DAYLIGHT FOLLOWED AT ONE (1) HOUR INTERVALS BY OTHER SQDN// SQDNS. THEREAFTER SQDNS WILL TAKE OFF AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

6. THE FOLLOWING MISSIONS WILL BE PERFORMED BY THE 67TH TAC RCN GP ON 22 DECEMBER 1944.
1. FIVE MISSIONS IN "A" AREA BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING COORDINATES:  
 P-2085 TO P-3085 TO K-6503 TO K-7703 TO P-9080 TO P-5050 TO  
 F-3060 TO P-2085

MISSIONS

TOA

TR/FA/22/41

FIRST MISSION

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 ON 22 DECEMBER 1944.

1. FIVE MISSIONS IN "A" AREA BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING COORDINATES:  
 P-2055 TO P-3085 TO K-6503 TO K-7703 TO P-9080 TO P-5050 TO  
 F-3060 TO P-2085

MISSIONS	TOA
TR/FA/22/1	FIRST LIGHT
TR/FA/22/2	1000 A HRS
TR/FA/22/3	1200
TR/FA/22/4	1400
TR/FA/22/5	1500

2. FIVE MISSIONS IN "B" AREA BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING COORDINATES:  
 K-7703 ALONG FRONT LINES TO F-0030 TO F-2030 TO F-2000 TO  
 P-9080 TO K-7703.

MISSIONS	TOA
TR/FA/22/6	FIRST LIN// LIGHT
TR/FA/22/7	1000 A HRS
TR/FA/22/8	1200
TR/FA/22/9	1400
TR/FA/22/10	1500

3. FIVE MISSIONS IN "C" AREA BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING COORDINATES.  
 P-9080 TO F-2000 TO F-2030 TO F-6030 TO L-6080.

MISSIONS	TOA
TR/FA/22/11	FIRST LIGHT
TR/FA/22/12	1000A HRS
TR/FA/22/13	1200
TR/FA/22/14	1400.
TR/FA/22/15	1500

4. TWO MISSIONS IN "D" AREA BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING COORDINATES:  
 P-9080 TO L-6080 TO L-7076 SW/ SW ALONG MOSELLE RIVER TO L-1124.  
 FROM THERE NW ALONG KYLL RIVER TO P-9043.

MISSIONS	TOA
TR/FA/22/16	AM
TR/FA/22/17	PM

5. TWO MISSIONS IN "E" AREA BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING  
 COORDINATES: F-0060 TO F-4660 S ALONG RHINE RIVER TO F-6030 TO  
 F-0030 ALONG FRONT LINE TO F-0060.

MISSIONS	TOA
TR/FA/22/18	AM
TR/FA/22/19	PM

6. FOUR ARTILLERY RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS:

MISSIONS	TOA
///TR/////	
A/32/22/1	1130A HRS
A/33/22/1	1000
A/V/22/2	1130
A/V/22/3	1400

7. ALL MISSIONS WILL OBSERVE FOR ENEMY CONCENTRATIONS OF ARMOR AND  
 INFANTRY AND ANY ENEMY MOVEMENT THROUGHOUT AREAS. PILOTS TO  
 REPORT LOCATION, STRENGTH, COMPOSITION, AND DIRECTION OF MOVEMENT.

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