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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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AFG 141, US ARMY,  
2 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical  
Control Unit.  
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical  
Control Section.  
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical  
Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Offices.

REF : Oprep A No. 338 for 24 hours ending sunset 1 February 1945.  
Field Order No. 186, Para. E, Mission J29-4, XIX Tactical  
Air Command.

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

For the Commanding Officer:



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

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AFG 141, US Army,  
4 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical  
Control Unit.  
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical  
Control Section.  
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical  
Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

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Oprep A No. 339 for 24 hours ending sunset 2 February 1945.  
Field Order No. 187, Para. D, Mission J29-3, XIX Tactical  
Air Command.

A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 30 P47Ds (D-Bombers) on a total of three squadron missions of 10 A/C each, 2 February 1945 to conduct armed reccees over Wittlich, Koblenz and Frankfurt Areas. If no targets are found in recce areas, RR lines will be cut. Squadrons will also attack by strafing any rail targets found from Rhine River to Front Lines on return to base. 30 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs. Squadrons took off and landed at Y-34. The data on these operations is as follows:

| Mission No. | Sqd. | A/C | Time up | Time down | Target   | Time O/T |
|-------------|------|-----|---------|-----------|--|----------|
| 1           | 397  | 10  | 0940    | 1118      | 2 A/C aborted - one due to oil leak and one as its escort. Both A/C returned 4-500# GP bombs to base. 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on rail lines at L-8873, cutting rail in at least one place. 4 A/C released 7-500# GP bombs on rail lines at L-8283, cutting tracks in one place. Bombing was fair. One 500# GP bomb was dropped on M/T at Boekenan L-9637 - NRO. A/C then strafed and damaged 34 RR cars in M/T. | 1015     |

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| Mission No. | Sqd. | A/C Dispatched | Time up | Time down | Target  | Time O/T |
|-------------|------|----------------|---------|-----------|---|----------|
| 2           | 395  | 10             | 0943    | 1129      | 10 A/C released 20-500# GP bombs on M/Y at Q-7181. Bombing was fair. Tracks outside of Homburg were cut in 3 places; one locomotive as also damaged. Rest of bombs were near misses in M/Y.   | 1045     |
| 3           | 396  | 10             | 0955    | 1146      | Ripsaw #5 called in 90 M/Ys but 1010 sqd. could not find them. Sqd. then attacked concrete road bridge over river at L-3634. 10 A/C released 20-500# GP bombs on bridge. Bombing was poor. One hit was observed on approach of bridge. Rest of bombs were near misses with no damage done to bridge. No rail or road movement was seen in recce area. |          |

A. One A/C was damaged by flak. No E/A were encountered on any of the missions. Six to eight active factories were observed along RR tracks between Sarbrucken Q-4673 and Wiunkirchen Q-5985. 30 goods wagons were seen in M/Y at Q-6485. No other activity was observed throughout recce area. The flak at St Ingbert Q-5576 was heavy, moderate and accurate; at L-3634 it was light, moderate and fairly accurate. The weather was from 2/10 to 9/10 stratus with base at 1500 to 5000 feet. Visibility east and south and below overcast was good.

4th Mission - The 368th Fighter Group dispatched 34 F47Ds (D-Bombers) on a Group mission, 2 February 1945 to conduct an armed recce over Koblenz-Frankfurt Area. If no targets are found in recce area, railroad lines will be cut. Group will also attack by strafing any rail targets found from Rhine River to front lines on return to base. 24 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs. Group of 34 F47Ds took off from Y-34 at 1347 and proceeded on mission as briefed. One A/C encountered radio trouble due to pilot error, shortly after take-off and with one A/C as its escort, returned to base. A/C returned 4-500# GP bombs to base. Group of 32 A/C arrived over enemy territory at 1415. 2 A/C released 4-500# GP bombs on M/Y at Bullar L-5762. Tracks were cut in one place and 3 buildings destroyed. 2 A/C released 4-500# GP bombs on a possible troop concentration in woods at L-0744 - HRO. 20 A/C then released 56-500# GP bombs on M/Y at Wetgler G-5519, containing 5 active locomotives and 3-400 cars. Many hits were observed in M/Y with 5 RR cars destroyed, tracks cut in 3 places, a number of fires started, storage tanks were hit, causing smoke and flames, a round house hit and damaged, a choke point was hit and damaged, one locomotive and 12 goods cars destroyed and a large number of cars were destroyed and damaged by many hits among a concentration of goods wagons. A/C then strafed and damaged 2 locomotives at M-5737 and damaged at M-5827, one locomotive. Bombing in general was very good. Group of 32 A/C then left target area at 1545, landing at Y-34 at 1621. One A/C was damaged by flak. No E/A were encountered on the mission. Eleven active locomotives were seen in M/Y at Frankfurt. The flak at M-5737, G-7424 and G-6020 was heavy, moderate and fairly accurate; at G-6621 it was heavy, moderate and fairly accurate. Flak at other points was inaccurate. The weather was 6 to 10/10 stratus at 4 to 5000 feet. Visibility was good.

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- B. : (1) 64 F47Ds (D-Bombers - Armed Recce over Koblenz - Frankfurt Area. If no targets are found in recce area, IR lines will be cut. A/C will also attack by strafing any targets found from Rhine River to Front Lines on return to base)
- (ii) 60 - D/Bombers Attacked targets - Completed Missions.
- (iii) 4 - (b) 1-Pilot error - improper operation of radio.  
(c) 1-Oil Leak.  
(d) 2-Escorts to abortive A/C.
- (iv) NIL
- (v) NIL
- (vi) NIL
- (vii) 2 - Damaged by flak, Cat. A.
- (viii) 64
- C. : (1) 10 - 150 gallon American external belly tanks.
- (ii) 1
- D. : (1) 141.15
- (ii) NIL
- E. : (1) 135680 rounds 50 cal.
- (ii) 4690
- (iii) NIL
- F. : (1) 128 - 500# GP bombs (AN M103-instant nose, AN M101A2-1/40 tail fusing)
- (ii) 120
- (iii) NIL
- (iv) NIL
- 8-500# GP bombs returned to base by abortive A/C.
- G. : NIL
- H. : NIL
- I. : 3. 1-0-4
4. 17-0-34
9. 3-0-1
11. 10-0-0
14. 4
16. 1

For the Commanding Officer:

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

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APO 141, US Army,  
4 February 1945.

SUBJECT : Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit.  
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical Control Section.  
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : Oprep A No. 340 for 24 hours ending sunset 3 February 1945.  
Field Order No. 188, Para. D, Mission P05-2, XIX Tactical Air Command.

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

For the Commanding Officer:



*[Handwritten Signature]*  
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Captain, Air Corps,  
Asst. Adjutant.

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APO 241, US Army,  
5 February 1945.

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TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical  
Control Unit.  
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical  
Control Section  
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical  
Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : Oprep A No. 341 for 24 hours ending sunset 4 February 1945.  
Field Order No. 189, Para. D, Mission F05-2, XIX Tactical  
Air Command.

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

For the Commanding Officer:

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

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APO 143, US Army,  
7 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAF Form 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical  
Control Unit.  
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical  
Control Section.  
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical  
Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : Oprep A No. 342 for 24 hours ending sunset 5 February 1945.  
Field Order No. 190, Para. D, Mission P05-2, XIX Tactical  
Air Command.

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

For the Commanding Officer:

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

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APO 141, US Army,  
8 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit.  
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical Control Section.  
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

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Oprep A No. 343 for 24 hours ending sunset 6 February 1945.  
Field Order No. 191, Para. E, Mission J29-3, XIX Tactical Air Command.

- A. : Three P47Ds of the 395th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group, took off from Y-34 at 1019, 6 February 1945 to provide a continuous patrol over airfield (Y-34) Metz - Etain. Flight of three A/C flew an uneventful patrol mission between Metz and Etain, landing at Y-34 at 1220. No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. The weather was 8/10 to 10/10 stratus - base at 3000 and tops at 10000 feet.
- B. : (i) 3 P47Ds (Alert Patrol - Continuous patrol over airfield (Y-34) from Metz to Etain)  
(ii) 3 - Completed Missions.  
(iii) NIL  
(iv) NIL  
(v) NIL  
(vi) NIL  
(vii) NIL  
(viii) 3
- C. : NIL
- D. : (i) 6:30  
(ii) NIL

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E. : (i) 6360 rounds 50 cal.  
(ii) NIL  
(iii) NIL

F. : NIL

G. : NIL

H. : NIL

I. : NIL

Field Order No. 191, Para. D, Mission P05-2, XIX Tactical Air Command.

- A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 33 F47Ds (D-Bombers) on a Group mission, 6 February 1945 to attack Grebelstadt Airfield near Wurzburg. 33 A/C each carried 2-227 frag clusters (6-222 - 90% frag bombs per cluster). 33 A/C took off from Y-34 at 1119 and proceeded on mission as briefed. 6-222 - 90% frag bombs (1 cluster) fell off at take-off. 4 A/C released 48 frag bombs on RR bridge at L-916319. No direct hits were observed. 3 A/C released 36 frag bombs on road intersection at Q-5488 - HRO. Both targets were OKed by Ripsaw. After bombing these targets, these 7 A/C returned to the base. The other 26 A/C arrived over Grebelstadt A/F at 1225. 12 A/C released 138 frag bombs on the north end of field and dispersal area. Hits were observed on runway and one hanger on NE side of field. 6 A/C released 72 frag bombs on south and west sides of the field. 8 A/C released 96 frag bombs in wooded area on east side of the field. Rose colored flames were observed coming from south part of the field after bombing attack. Bombing in general was good. 60 plus well dispersed E/A (ME 110s, 210s, 410s, JU 52, JU 88s, and possibly some ME 262s) were observed in the field and in vicinity. A/C appeared to be painted blue and were mostly twin engine. One flight strafed and damaged 2 ME 110s on the ground and a flak position on top of a south hanger. Group of 26 A/C then left target area, landing at Y-34 at 1420. One A/C was damaged by flak. No abortive or E/A were encountered on the mission. Much activity was seen in Mankheim M/Y. No barges were observed on Rhine River. The flak at A/F east of Newstadt was heavy, intense and accurate. The weather was 8-10/10 stratus - base at 3000 and tops at 10000 feet.
- B. : (i) 33 F47Ds (D/Bombers - To attack Airfield at Grebelstadt near Wurzburg)  
(ii) 33 - D/Bombers - Attached targets - Completed Mission.  
(iii) NIL  
(iv) NIL  
(v) NIL  
(vi) NIL  
(vii) 1 - Damaged by flak, Cat. AC.  
(viii) 33

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- C. : (i) 33 - 150 gallon American external belly tanks.  
(ii) 13
- D. : (i) 105.15  
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 69960 rounds 50 cal.  
(ii) 1440  
(iii) NIL
- F. : (i) 396 - M82 - 90% Frag bombs  
(ii) 390  
(iii) NIL  
(iv) NIL  
6 Frag bombs fell off at take-off.
- G. : NIL
- H. : On the Ground 0-0-2  
(i) NIL  
(ii) NIL  
(iii) 2 - ME 110 - 2nd Lt. William G. Dixon, 396th Fighter Sqd.  
(iv) NIL
- I. : 6. 0-0-1  
8. 0-0-1  
15. 1

For the Commanding Officer:

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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APC 141, US ARMY.  
7 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical  
Control Unit.  
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical  
Control Section.  
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical  
Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : Oprep A No. 34A for 24 hours ending sunset 7 February 1945.  
Field Order No. 192, Para. D, XIX Tactical Air Command.

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

For the Commanding Officer:

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368TH FIGHTER GROUPAFC 14, US ARMY  
11 February 1945.

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SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit.  
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical Control Section.  
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

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Oprep A No. 345 for 24 hours ending sunset 8 February 1945.  
Field Order No. 193, Para. D, Mission ZAS-1, XIX Tactical Air Command.

A. The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 34 H7Ds (64-11/Bombers and 20-Escorts, each carrying 4x5" AR Rockets) on a total of 7 squadron missions of 12 A/C each, 8 February 1945 to cooperate with Units of XII Corps by squadrons at one hour intervals. If no targets are given by Ground Controller, squadrons will conduct armed recon along immediate Corps Front. 64 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs. Squadrons took off and landed at Y-34. The data on these operations is as follows:

| Mission No. | Sqd. | A/C | Time up | Time down | Target  | Time O/T |
|-------------|------|-----|---------|-----------|---|----------|
| 1           | 395  | 12  | 0957    | 1043      | 8 A/C released 16-500# GP bombs in area of L-1852-Huttigen. Few of the bombs fell in town of Huttigen and one fire was observed to be started. Bombing of bridge was generally HRO due to overcast over target area. 4 A/C returned 16-5" AR Rockets to base. | 0950     |
| 2           | 396  | 12  | 0928    | 1111      | One A/C aborted shortly after take-off due to generator trouble. A/C returned 2-500# GP bombs to base.  | 0945     |

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| Mission No. | Sqd. | A/C Dispatched | Time up | Time down | Target  | Time O/T |
|-------------|------|----------------|---------|-----------|---|----------|
| 2           | 396  | 12             |         |           | 11 A/C released 20-500# GP bombs on bridge and town at I06976 with fair results - 2 direct hits were observed on western approach of bridge. Other hits were near misses on bridge. A fire was also started by some of the bombs which fell in the town where the bridge was located. 2 A/C had to each jettison one of their bombs.  |          |
| 3           | 397  | 12             | 1030    | 1215      | 8 A/C released 16-500# GP bombs 1115 on M/T at L-638167 at Bad Neuenahr, claiming 10 cars damaged, a fire in bldg. south of track and one round house damaged. Bombing was fair. A A/C then strafed and fired 14-5" AR rockets in M/T at L-676973, claiming 5 RR cars dest. and 1 bldg. dest.   |          |
| 4           | 395  | 12             | 1213    | 1413      | 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs 1315 on M/Ts at L-616975, claiming 5 M/Ts dest. 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on M/Ts and road bridge in vicinity of L-615942, claiming 3 M/Ts dest. and 2 M/Ts damaged. Big oil fires were also started. Road bridge and 2 bldgs. were hit and dest. at L-615946. Bombing was fair. 4 A/C then released 16-5" AR rockets on a supply point at L-6102 - WRO. Squadron then strafed wooded area at L-6194, claiming 17 M/Ts dest. and 14 more damaged. One staff car and 2 locomotives were also damaged in same area.   |          |
| 5           | 395  | 12             | 1304    | 1507      | 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs 1400 on M/Ts at Witteldorf L-115744, claiming 6 M/T dest. and 4 damaged. 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on town of Balesfield L-1466, claiming one half-track dest. and 2 M/Ts damaged. 2 A/C released 4-500# GP bombs on road at Heidenbach L-1466, claiming 2 M/Ts dest. and 1 damaged. All bombing was good. A/C then strafed and strafed and damaged a very large tank at L-115744, also 8 M/Ts were dest. and 12 damaged (possibly a oil truck was hit because of a large explosion and fire seen) by strafing in vicinity of L-115744. One M/T was dest. and 1 damaged by strafing at L-102740. One horse-drawn M/T was dest. and 1 M/T damaged at L-130735. |          |

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| Mission No. | Sqd. | A/C Dispatched | Time up | Time down | Target  | Time O/T |
|-------------|------|----------------|---------|-----------|---|----------|
| 6           | 397  | 12             | 1402    | 1548      | 8 A/C released 16-500% GP bombs on column of 22 large white vehicles at L-3090 - NRO. because of cloud cover. All A/C then strafed and 4 A/C released 16-5" AR rockets on targets between F-3402 and L-3090 with the following claims: 18 M/Ts dest. and 52 damaged, one gun position dest. and 2 damaged, 3 goods wagons dest. and 15 damaged, 15 half-tracks dest., 5 tanks dest. and 19 damaged, 15 houses damaged, RR shed dest. and rails cut in 2 places at L-305910. 25 G/Ws were also strafed in M/Y at F-1603 - NRO. | 1445     |
| 7           | 395  | 12             | 1525    | 1710      | 4 A/C released 8-500% GP bombs on a 3 span road bridge at L-689755. Bombing was poor with hits observed on embankment but no damage done to bridge. A big fire was started in nearby town. 4 A/C strafed and released 8-500% GP bombs on A/D SE of Loachen Lake L-6095 NRO. Two FW-190s were seen to take off but were lost when squadron attempted to make attack. 4 A/C returned 16-5" AR rockets to base due to lack of targets. One A/C crash landed at base on return from mission. Pilot was not injured.               | 1635     |

A. Six A/C were damaged by flak. No enemy A/C were encountered on any of the missions. Light, scattered traffic was observed throughout Mayen Area. Six black balloons were seen over Koblenz. A supply point and vehicle activity were noted in woods at Mayen - L-6192 to L-6194. M/Y at Mayen L-6492 appeared to be active. Scattered vehicles were seen in Bittburg. 10-12 horse-drawn vehicles were seen at L-0048. The flak at L-1852 (from 50 light guns) was light, intense and accurate; at F-5917 it was heavy, moderate and accurate; over Mayen it was light, intense and fairly accurate; at L-115744 it was light, intense and accurate. The weather was generally 7-10/10 stratus at 1500 to 5000 feet. Visibility above and below overcast was good.

B. (i) 84 F47Ds (20 - Escorts, each carrying 4-5" AR rockets)  
(64 - D/Bombers - To Cooperate with Units of the XII Corps - If no targets are given by Ground Controller, Squadrons will conduct Armed Recce along Immediate Corps Front)

(ii) 83 - (20 - Escorts)  
(63 - D/Bombers - Completed Missions)

(iii) 1 - D/Bomber - (c) - Generator failure

(iv) NIL

(v) NIL

(vi) NIL

(vii) 7 - 6-Damaged by flak, 2 Cat. A., 4 Cat. AC.  
1-Damaged by crash landing, Cat. AC.

(viii) 84

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G. : NIL

D. : (i) 17345  
(ii) NIL

E. : (i) 178080 rounds 50 cal.  
(ii) 21472  
(iii) NIL  
(i) 80 - 5" AR Rockets  
(ii) 45  
(iii) NIL  
95 - 5" AR Rockets returned to base.

F. : (i) 128 - 500# GP bombs (AN M103-instant nose AN M101A2-1/40  
tail fusing)  
(ii) 124  
(iii) 2  
(iv) NIL  
2 - 500# GP bombs returned to base by abortive A/C.

G. : NIL

H. : NIL

I. : 1. 60-0-90  
2. 21-0-20  
3. 0-0-2  
4. 8-0-25  
5. 1-0-0  
6. 1-0-2  
9. 6-0-16  
11. 2-0-0  
13. 1-0-0  
14. 3  
15. 1  
16. ~~German Personnel 100-0-0~~

*Troop Con 2*  
*(50 to each con)*

For the Commanding Officer:

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

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HEADQUARTERS  
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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12 February 1945  
APO 141, US Army.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical  
Control Unit.  
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical  
Control Section.  
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical  
Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : S E C R E T

Oprep A No. 346 for 24 hours ending sunset 9 February 1945.  
Field Order No. 194, Para. D, Mission P05-1, XIX Tactical  
Air Command.

A. The 396th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 12 P47Ds (D/Bombers) 9 February 1945 to attack Rail Bridge at F-283867 or to attack the secondary target - M/Y at F-233621. 12 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs. 12 P47Ds took off from Y-34 at 0909, 9 February 1945 and proceeded on mission as briefed. Squadron arrived over enemy territory at 0925 and contacted Ripsaw #5 who cancelled assigned targets because of weather. Ripsaw #5 instructed squadron to conduct armed recon in Rhine Valley Area. 12 A/C then released 24-500# GP bombs thru a break in the clouds on town of Neideroberweider F-635068. Bombing was good. Town was well clobbered and left smoking. Two weapon carriers were destroyed. Squadron then strafed the town but no claims were made. Squadron of 12 A/C then left enemy territory at 1025, landing at Y-34 at 1101. No damaged, abortive or R/A were encountered. The flak at F-5717 was heavy, weak and accurate. The weather was 10/10 with base at 2500 feet and tops at 11000 feet.

Field Order No. 194, Para. E, Mission P05-2, XIX Tactical  
Air Command.

12 P47Ds (D/Bombers) of the 397th Fighter Squadron, of the 368th Fighter Group took off from Y-34 at 0923, 9 February 1945 to attack Rail Bridge at F-259877 or secondary target - M/Y at F-182665. 12 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs. Squadron of 12 A/C proceeded on mission as briefed, arriving over target area at 1045. Squadron contacted Ripsaw who said the original target was cancelled because of weather. Squadron then conducted a Fighter Sweep.

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- A. : 12 A/C released 24-500# GP bombs on town of Dellfeld at Q-8171. Sixteen houses were destroyed, one track cut, road cut in one place and a crossroad also hit. One house was strafed and left burning. Squadron of 12 A/C then left enemy territory at 1100, landing at Y-34 at 1136. No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. The flak at Q-8171 was light, intense and very inaccurate. The weather was 10/10 cumulus with base at 2000 feet and tops at 12 to 18000 feet with some breaks.

Field Order No. 194, Para. F, Mission J29-3, XIX Tactical Air Command.

Eleven P47Ds (D/Bombers) of the 395th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from Y-34 at 0945, 9 February 1945 to conduct an armed recon over Cochem, Adenau, Sinzig and Koblenz Areas. 11 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs. Squadron of 11 A/C proceeded on mission as briefed, arriving over target area at 1130. 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on factory at crossroads at Dreisen M-200117. Bombing was excellent. 8 direct hits were observed on factory which appeared to be in full operation. Extent of damage could not be estimated. 3 A/C released 6-500# GP bombs on train and 10 cars believed to be in area of Siegen G-2054. Bombing was good. One locomotive and 2 goods wagons were destroyed. 11 A/C left target area at 1145 and 7 A/C landed at Y-34 at 1210. One flight of 4 A/C landed at A-78 because of shortage of gas. This flight returned 8-500# GP bombs because no targets could be found due to the overcast over target area. No damaged or E/A were encountered on the mission. Over Trier, the flak was heavy and accurate. The weather was 10/10 cumulus from 3000 to 10000 feet.

- B. : (i) 35 P47Ds (D/Bombers - Attack RR Bridges at F-283867, F-259877 - Armed recon over Cochem, Sinzig and Koblenz Areas)  
 (ii) 31 - D/Bombers - Attacked targets - Completed missions.  
 (iii) 4 - D/Bombers - (a) A/C returned bombs to base when no targets could be found due to overcast over target area.  
 (iv) NIL  
 (v) NIL  
 (vi) NIL  
 (vii) 1 - Flak, Cat. A.  
 (viii) 35
- C. : (i) 6 - 150 gallon American external belly tanks.  
 (ii) 2
- D. : (i) 81:15  
 (ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 74200 rounds 50 cal.  
 (ii) 1200  
 (iii) NIL

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F. : (1) 70 - 500# GP bombs (AN M103-1/10 nose, AN M101A2-1/40  
tail fusing)

(ii) 62  
(iii) NIL  
(iv) NIL

8-500# GP bombs returned to base because of  
overcast over target area.

G. : NIL

H. : NIL

I. : 1. 2-0-0  
3. 1-0-0  
4. 2-0-0  
9. 17-0-1  
10. 2-0-0  
11. 1-0-0

For the Commanding Officer:

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

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HEADQUARTERS  
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 141, US ARMY.  
14 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical  
Control Unit.  
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical  
Control Section.  
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical  
Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : S E C R E T

Oprep A No. 347 for 24 hours ending sunset 10 February 1945.  
Field Order No. 195, Para. F, Mission FO5-2, XIX Tactical  
Air Command.

A. 12 P-47Ds (D/Bombers) of the 397th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from Y-34 at 1458, 10 February 1945 to D-Bomb Rail Bridge at F-259877. The secondary target being M/T at F-182665. 12 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs. Squadron of 12 A/C proceeded on mission as briefed, arriving over enemy territory at 1510. Squadron located P/T but it could not be attacked because of heavy clouds. Proceeding to another area and at 1615, 11 A/C released 22-500# GP bombs on road bridge over railroad at F-247842 - southeast of Loveling. Bombing was excellent. Two direct hits were observed, with west end of bridge destroyed. Tracks were cut in one place south of bridge and nearby road cut in 2 places. One A/C released 2-500# GP bombs on secondary target - M/T at F-182665 - NRO. Squadron of 12 A/C then left enemy territory at 1650, landing at Y-34 at 1720. No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. No barges were seen on the Rhine River in this area. Friendly activity was observed in vicinity of Echtermach. The flak over Bitburg was heavy, moderate and fairly accurate. The weather was 4-5/10 cumulus with base at 3500 - 4000 feet and tops at 8-9000 feet. Visibility was good.

Field Order No. 195, Para. E, Mission FO5-1, XIX Tactical Air  
Command.Ten P-47Ds (D/Bombers) of the 396th Fighter Squadron of the 368th  
Fighter Group took off from Y-34 at 1509, 10 February 1945 to divebomb

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- A. • Rail Bridge at F-283867. The secondary target being M/Y at F-233621. 10 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs. Squadron of 10 A/C proceeded on mission as briefed, arriving over enemy territory at 1525. Squadron orbited over target many times, waiting for a break in the clouds. Finally 5 A/C made bomb-run thru clouds and released 10-500# GP bombs RR bridge at F-284866, with poor results. No hits were noted on bridge or R/R. 5 A/C released 10-500# GP bombs on RR bridge at F-294855 - poor results. No hits were observed on bridge. Several houses were hit in town of Denkm. Squadron of 10 A/C then left enemy territory at 1705, landing at Y-34 at 1726. No damaged, abortive, or E/A were encountered. Five fresh gun emplacements were seen at F-290881. A few barges were seen going north on Rhine River, north of Cologne. The flak at Zulpich was heavy, moderate and inaccurate. The weather was 6/10 - 4000 feet and up.

Field Order No. 195, Para. G, Mission J29-3, XIX Tactical Air Command.

12 F47Ds (D/Bombers) of the 395th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from Y-34 at 1518, 10 February 1945 to conduct armed recon over Cochem - Adenau - Sinzig and Koblenz Areas. 12 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs. Squadron of 12 A/C proceeded on mission as briefed, arriving over target area at 1615. 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on concrete road bridge at Treis L-688755, scoring 2 direct hits on center span (damaged). 2 A/C released 4-500# GP bombs on RR bridge at Eller L-572671, scoring 2 direct hits and 2 cuts in RR tracks at north-east end of bridge. North part of bridge was destroyed. 2 A/C released 4-500# GP bombs in town of Eller - RRO. 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on RR bridge at Bulley L-568619, scoring 2 direct hits on center span and cutting tracks in two places. Bridge was destroyed. Bombing of all bridges was excellent. Squadron of 12 A/C then left enemy territory at 1654, landing at Y-34 at 1736. No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. Twenty barges were seen scattered on Rhine River between F-7012 and F-7406. The flak over Trier was heavy, weak and accurate. The weather was 4/10 cumulus, 4000 to 9000 feet. Visibility was 10 miles.

- B. • (i) 34 F47Ds (D/Bombers - To attack RR Bridges at F-283867 and F-259877 - Armed Recon over Cochem - Adenau - Sinzig and Koblenz Areas)
- (ii) 34 - Attacked Targets - Completed Missions.
  - (iii) NIL
  - (iv) NIL
  - (v) NIL
  - (vi) NIL
  - (vii) NIL
  - (viii) 34

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C. : (i) 5 - 150 gallon American external belly tanks.  
(ii) NIL

D. : (i) 88:30  
(ii) NIL

E. : (i) 72000 rounds 50 cal.  
(ii) 480  
(iii) NIL

F. : (i) 68 - 500# GP bombs (AN M103-1/10 nose, AN M101A2-1/40  
tail fusing)  
(ii) 68  
(iii) NIL  
(iv) NIL

G. : NIL

H. : NIL

I. : 5. 3-0-1  
10. 2-0-0  
11. 5-0-0  
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For the Commanding Officer:

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

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HEADQUARTERS  
368TH FIGHTER GROUPAPO 141, US Army,  
15 February 1945.

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SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical  
Control Unit.  
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical  
Control Section.  
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical  
Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

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Oprep A No. 348 for 24 hours ending sunset 11 February 1945.  
Field Order No. 196, Para. B, Mission F05-2, XIX Tactical  
Air Command.

- A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 24 F47Ds (D/Bombers) on two squadron missions of 12 A/C each, 11 February 1945 to attack Rail Bridge at F-259877. 24 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs. Squadrons took off and landed at F-34. The data on these operations is as follows:

| Mission No. | Sqd. | A/C Dispatched | Time up | Time down | Target   | Time O/T |
|-------------|------|----------------|---------|-----------|--|----------|
| 1           | 397  | 12             | 0800    | 0951      | Primary target was not attacked due to clouds over target area. 4 A/C then released 8-500# GP bombs on M/R at Stoman F-315698. Tracks in M/R were cut in 2 places and 2 bldgs. were dest. Bombing was good. 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on bldgs. at Heisteden F-300665. Hits were observed on a large castle like bldg. destroying one wing of bldg. Bombing was good. 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on small M/R bridge at F-350608. Bridge was not hit. 2 hits were observed on road. Bombing was fair. | 0855     |
| 2           | 397  | 12             | 1118    | 1397      | 10 A/C released thru hole in the clouds. 20-500# GP bombs on RR bridge at F-259877, scoring 2-4 hits which caused a large hole on north end of bridge.   | 1150     |

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| Mission No. | Sqd. | A/C Dispatched | Time up | Time down | Target   | Time O/T |
|-------------|------|----------------|---------|-----------|--|----------|
| 2           | 397  | 12             |         |           | Bridge was not destroyed but was severely damaged. Rails were cut at south end of bridge. One or two hits were also observed on road directly below bridge. 2 A/C released 4-500# GP bombs on RR bridge over road at F-249858. Two direct hits were observed. Condition of bridge after attack is unknown. Bombing on both targets was good. |          |

- A. : No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. A train of 40 cars was seen NE of Duran at F-1852. The runway and taxi strips on A/D at Buskirchen appeared to be used. Five - six barges were seen in Neuss Locks. 40-50 cars were observed in small M/Y at F-253866. The flak at F-1741 and F-9560 was heavy, moderate and fairly accurate. The weather was 10/10 with base at 3000 and tops at 5000 feet with holes appearing here and there. Visibility was good.

Field Order No. 196, Para. F, Mission DHI-1, XIX Tactical Air Command.

- A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 23 F47Ds (23-D/Bombers) on two squadron missions, 11 February 1945 to cooperate with Units of VIII Corps by squadrons. If no targets are assigned by Controller, squadrons will conduct armed recon in Prum-Adenau-Cochem-Bitburg Areas. 20 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs and 3 A/C each carried 2 Napalm bombs. Squadrons took off and landed at Y-34. The data on these operations is as follows:

| Mission No. | Sqd. | A/C Dispatched | Time up | Time down | Target   | Time O/T |
|-------------|------|----------------|---------|-----------|--|----------|
| 1           | 395  | 12             | 0822    | 1019      | 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on RR and train of 15 cars at Andernach F-734035 - F-736-34. Tracks were cut in both places and 6 goods wagons dest. and 9 damaged. One loco. was damaged by strafing. A A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on M/Y at L-910906 and L-916899. Tracks were cut in 4 places at the choke points. 2 A/C released 4-500# GP bombs on town of Neiwid F-810035 - BRC. E/A were called in at this point, but none could be located. One A/C released 2-500# GP bombs on RR at L-682970, cutting tracks in one place. One A/C released 2-500# GP bombs on A/D and hanger at L-6996. Target was missed. One A/C made a strafing pass over A/D damaging 1 Fw 190. This E/A was one of 2 Fw 190 which were landing and taxiing at time of the strafing pass. Bombing in general was good. | 0910     |

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| Mission No. | Sqd. | A/C Dispatched | Time up | Time down | Target  | Time O/T |
|-------------|------|----------------|---------|-----------|---|----------|
| 2           | 396  | 11             | 0917    | 1125      | 3 A/C released 6-100 gal. tanks of Napalm on factory at Stadt Necken-helm at F-4925. Factory was hit and seen burning. Fires were also started in town. A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on RR overpass at F-4226. Over-pass was missed. A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on 15-25 M/Ts at F-3012. Three M/Ts were dest. and 8 damaged. Bombing in general, was fair. | 0940     |

A. : Two A/C were damaged by Flak, Cat. A. No abortive occurred on these missions. M/X at L-910906 was noted to contain much activity. A heavy concentration of 75-100 M/Ts was observed in vicinity of Pundorf. The flak at Neuhelm and F-734035 was heavy, weak and accurate; at L-6996 - L-110906 it was light, intense and accurate; at F-4426 it was light and heavy, weak and accurate. The weather was 9/16 to 10/10 at 1500 to 6000 feet.

B. : (i) 47 B7Ds (D/Bombers - Attack Rail Bridge at F-259877 - Cooperate with Units of VIII Corps - If no targets are given by Controller, squadrons will conduct armed reconnaissance over Rhine-Cochern-Bitburg Areas)

(ii) 47 - D/Bombers - Attached targets - Completed Missions.

(iii) NIL

(iv) NIL

(v) NIL

(vi) NIL

(vii) 2 - Damaged by flak, Cat. A.

(viii) 47

C. : NIL

D. : (i) 105:00

(ii) NIL

E. : (i) 99640 rounds 50 cal.

(ii) 960

(iii) NIL

F. : (i) 88 - 500# GP bombs (40 - AN M103-instant nose, AN M101A2-1/40 tail fusing)

(45 - AN M103-1/10 nose, AN M101A2-1/40 tail fusing)

(ii) 88

(iii) NIL

(iv) NIL

(v) 6 - (100 gal.) Napalm Bombs

(vi) 6

(vii) NIL

(viii) NIL

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C. : NIL

H. : On the Ground 0-0-1

(i) NIL

(ii) NIL

(iii) 1 - FW 190 - 1st William J. Garry, 395th Fighter Squadron.

(iv) 2 - FW 190 on ground at A/D at L-6996.

I. :  
1. 3-0-8  
3. 0-0-1  
4. 6-0-9  
5. 0-0-1  
9. 2-0-2  
10. 2-0-0  
11. 10-0-0  
14. 2  
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For the Commanding Officer:

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

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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 111, US Army,  
14 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34a.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit.  
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical Control Section.  
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : Oprep A No. 349 for 24 hours ending sunset 12 February 1945.  
Field Order No. 197, Para. E, Mission ODA-1, Para. F, Mission P & PW, Para. G, Mission FO5-2, XIX Tactical Air Command.

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

For the Commanding Officer:

*[Signature]*  
MAURICE D POWELL  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Ass't. Adjutant.

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368TH FIGHTER GROUPAFG 141, US Army.  
17 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 344.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit.  
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical Control Section.  
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officers.

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Oprep A No. 350 for 24 hours ending sunset 19 February 1945.  
Field Order No. - 7006, XIX Tactical Air Command.

A. : Two P-51s of the 397th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from Y-34 at 0805, 19 February 1945 to conduct an weather Recon in area of Lun and Erier. Flight of 2 A/C arrived over enemy territory at 0815. One locomotive and 16 cars were strafed at 1-460545, claiming one locomotive and 1 flak car destroyed and 2 goods wagons and 1 flak car damaged. Flight flew throughout area, observing the weather. Flights of 2 A/C then left enemy territory at 0905, landing at Y-34 at 0924. No damaged, abortive or R/A were encountered. One locomotive and 3 cars was observed in small WY at 1-3676. The flak from train was light, intense and fairly accurate. The weather was 10/10, with breaks - base at 2500 to 3500 feet and tops at 6500 to 7000 feet. Visibility above and below overcast was good.

B. : (i) 2 P-51s (Weather Recon over designated areas)  
(ii) 2 - Completed Mission  
(iii) NIL  
(iv) NIL  
(v) NIL  
(vi) NIL  
(vii) NIL  
(viii) 2

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D. : (i) 3:00  
(ii) NIL

E. : (i) 4240 rounds 50 cal.  
(ii) 720  
(iii) NIL

F. : NIL

G. : NIL

H. : NIL

I. : 3. 1-0-0  
4. 0-0-2  
17. Flak cars 1-0-1

Field Order No. 198, Para. E, Mission ABA-1, XIX Tactical Air Command.

A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 24 P-47Ds (D/Bombers) on a total of three squadron missions, 13 February 1945 to cooperate with Units of the VIII Corps and also escort C47s to their dropping zones. If no targets are assigned by Controller, squadron will conduct armed recon in Bitburg, Dorsel and Kolberg Areas. 16 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs and 8 A/C carried a total of 12 Napalm bombs. A/C took off and landed at Y-34. The data on these operations is as follows:

| Mission No. | Sqd. | A/C Dispatched | Time up | Time down | Target   | Time O/T |
|-------------|------|----------------|---------|-----------|--|----------|
| 1           | 397  | 12             | 1117    | 1417      | Squadron vectored by several controllers over a wide target area covered by undercast. The controller could not successfully direct squadron to any target altho they vectored the sqd. for almost the entire time over target area. 12 A/C released 16-500# GP bombs and 4 - Napalm at G-0590 - RR0.  | 1130     |
| 2           | 395  | 4              | 1203    | 1432      | Flight B/V at 1230 with one C47 at P-612716 and escorted it to DZ at P-966847 and back to friendly territory. Flight then contacted Rippear #3 who sent flight to M/V at G-5076. A A/C released 8-Napalm bombs on M/V. Hits were observed on RR station (damaged). Target had been bombed and burned out previously. Vehicles were strafed at G-5076, claiming 3 M/Ts dest. and 1 damaged; one staff car and 1 recon car was also destroyed. | 1400     |

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| Mission No. | Sqd. | A/C Dispatched | Time UP | Time down | Target   | Time O/T |
|-------------|------|----------------|---------|-----------|--|----------|
| 3           | 395  | 8              | 1243    | 1445      | Flight R/V with approximately 75 C47s at 1301 at F-612716 and escorted them to DE at P-966847. Flight then herded all the stragglers and escorted them to DE. All C47s were escorted back to R/V point. Because the escorting of the C47s took the entire flying time the 8 A/C jettisoned their 16 bombs safe at L-1690 and returned to the base. | 1958     |

- A. No damaged, abortive or R/A were encountered on any of the missions. The flak at L-4853 and L-2202 was light, intense and fairly accurate; at L-3092 it was heavy, intense and accurate. The weather was 9 - 10/10 overcast - base at 3500 feet and tops at 5500 feet. Visibility was good.

Field Order No. 198, Para. F, Mission P & PW, XIX Tactical Air Command.

- A. 4 P47Ds (Leaflet Bombers) of the 396th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from Y-34 at 1247, 13 February 1945 to drop leaflet bombs at the following points: Trier L-2127, north of Neuhaus (L-1632), Schonecker (L-9074) and Railroad (L-3578). Each of the A/C carried 2 Front Post bombs, 1 - 2061, 1 - 2081, 1 - 2084, 1 - 2088 and 1 - 2096 (total of 7 bombs per A/C). Flight of 4 A/C arrived over enemy territory at 1300. One A/C released 7 leaflet bombs at Trier L-2127. One A/C released 7 bombs at Neuhaus L-1632. One A/C released 7 leaflet bombs at Schonecker L-9074 and in vicinity of Wallerschein L-1479. Flight of 4 A/C then left target area at 1340, landing at Y-34 at 1359. No damaged, abortive or R/A were encountered. The flak at L-1479 was light, intense and accurate. The weather was 8 - 10/10 with base at 2000 feet and tops at 4000 feet.

Field Order No. 198, Para. G, Mission P05-2, XIX Tactical Air Command.

- A. 12 P47Ds (D/Bombers) of the 396th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group, took off from Y-34 at 1235, 13 February 1945 to dive-bomb Rail bridge at F-284366. 12 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs. Squadron of 12 A/C proceeded on mission as briefed, arriving over enemy territory at 1305. Primary target could not be located due to overcast over target area. 8 A/C then released 16-500# GP bombs on RR in vicinity of F-4477. One double track and one single track was cut. One bridge approach was also damaged. 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on factory and town at F-4085. Black smoke was observed due to bombing attack. A heavy intersection was also cut. Squadron then left enemy territory at 1400, landing at Y-34 at 1440. No damaged, abortive or R/A were encountered. Many fall M/T were observed in vicinity of Kohn and Dusseldorf. The flak over Dusseldorf F-4486 was light, and heavy, intense and accurate. The weather was 9/10 between 2500 and 4000 feet.

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- B. :
- (i) 40 F47Ds (4 - Leaflet bombers - To drop leaflets at the designated points)
  - (36 - D/Bombers - Cooperate with Units of VIII Corps and escort C47s to their DE and escort them back to R/V point - If no targets are assigned squadrons will conduct armed recon over Bitburg, Dorsel, Kalberg Areas - To D/Bomb rail bridge at F-284866)
  - (ii) 40 - (4 - Leaflet bombers - dropped leaflets - Completed mission)
  - (28 - D/Bombers - Attacked targets - Completed Mission)
  - (8 - D/Bombers - Escorted 75 C47s to their DE and back to R/V point. Time for escorting absorbed entire mission which necessitated the 8 A/C to jettison their bombs safe and return to base.)
  - (iii) NIL
  - (iv) NIL
  - (v) NIL
  - (vi) NIL
  - (vii) NIL
  - (viii) 40
- C. : NIL
- D. :
- (i) 10245
  - (ii) NIL
- E. :
- (i) 84800 rounds 50 cal.
  - (ii) 880
  - (iii) NIL
- F. :
- (i) 56 - 500# GP bombs (AN M103-1/10 nose, AN M101A2-1/10 tail fusing)
  - (ii) 40
  - (iii) 16
  - (iv) NIL
  - (i) 12 - Napalm bombs
  - (ii) 12
  - (iii) NIL
  - (iv) NIL
  - (i) 28 P & W leaflet bombs (8-Front Post, 4-ZG61, ZG81, ZG84, ZG88 and ZG96)
  - (ii) 28
  - (iii) NIL
  - (iv) NIL
- G. : NIL

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| H. | : | NIL       |
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|    |   | 2. 1-0-0  |
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|    |   | 9. 0-0-1  |
|    |   | 10. 1-0-0 |
|    |   | 11. 3-0-0 |
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For the Commanding Officer:

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

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HEADQUARTERS  
968TH FIGHTER GROUP

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AFO 141, US Army.  
18 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit.  
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical Control Section.  
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical Control Section.

FROM : 968th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

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Oprep A No. 351 for 24 hours ending sunset 14 February 1945.  
Field Order No. 199, Para. F, Mission P05-2, XIX Tactical Air Command.

A. : The 395th Fighter Squadron dispatched a total of 24 F47Ds D/Bombers, on two squadron missions, 14 February 1945 to attack rail bridge at Geistenbeck F-099843. 24 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs. Squadron took off and landed at Y-34. The data on these operations is as follows:

| Mission No. | Sqd. | A/C Dispatched | Time up | Time down | Target  | Time O/T |
|-------------|------|----------------|---------|-----------|---|----------|
| 1           | 395  | 12             | 0809    | 1046      | Sqd. orbited target area 7 times due to clouds. 11 A/C then released 22-500# GP bombs on bridge at F-099843. Bombing was fair. Tracks were cut in 2 places at F-099846. Fire was started at F-102828. No hits observed on bridge. 1 A/C released 2-500# GP bombs on R/J at L-1832, destroying 2 houses. Target was given by Ripaw. A/C then strafed and damaged one storage tank at F-090855. One loco was strafed and dest. at F-102845. | 0920     |
| 2           | 395  | 12             | 1147    | 1358      | 12 A/C released 23-500# GP bombs on 1239 bridge at F-099843, scoring at least 3 direct hits. Factory at F-102845 was also hit and set on fire. Bridge was damaged but not destroyed. Bombing was good. A/C then strafed and dest. 1 locomotive at F-089838.   |          |

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- A. One A/C was damaged by flak. No abortive or E/A were encountered on the missions. Seven barges were seen on Rhine River. A/D at F-294493 appeared to be in excellent condition. Many trenches were seen in bridge area at F-099843. The flak at F-089838 was light, weak and accurate. The weather was 2 to 7/10 cumulus from 2-3500 feet. Visibility was 15 miles plus.

Field Order No 199, Para. G, Mission RO5-3, XIX Tactical Air Command.

- A. The 396th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 24 F47Ds (D/Bombers) on two squadron missions of 12 A/C each, 14 February 1945 to attack Neuss Rail Bridge at F-284866. 24 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs. Squadrons took off and landed at Y-34. The data on these operations is as follows:

| Mission No. | Sqd. | A/C Dispatched | Time up | Time down | Target  | Time O/T |
|-------------|------|----------------|---------|-----------|---|----------|
| 1           | 396  | 12             | 0826    | 1037      | 12 A/C released 24-500# GP bombs on rail bridge at F-284866, scoring 8 hits on bridge proper. Tracks were cut at both ends of bridge. Bridge still standing. Bombing was good. 2 M/Ts were strafed and damaged in vicinity of target area.                          | 0840     |
| 2           | 396  | 12             | 1154    | 1348      | 12 A/C released 24-500# GP bombs on rail bridge at Neuss F-284866. Tracks were completely severed and twisted at NW end of bridge and half of SE approach to bridge was dest. One hole was noted thru north end of bridge. Bridge still standing. Bombing was good. | 1240     |

- A. No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. Factories in Cologne area appeared to be very active. A heavy concentration of barges was observed on Rhine River at F-3088. The flak at F-284866 was heavy, weak and accurate. The weather was CAVU.

Field Order No. 199, Para. H, Mission RO5-4, XIX Tactical Air Command.

- A. 12 F47Ds (Escorts and D/Bombers) of the 397th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from Y-34 at 0927, 14 February 1945 to provide escort for 102 C47s flying in three waves. After escorting the last of three waves to dropping zone, squadron will cooperate with Summerfrock for targets. If no targets are given by Ground Controller, squadron will conduct armed recon in Bitburg-Balm Area. 12 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs. Squadron of 12 A/C proceeded on mission as briefed, and R/V with the first wave of C47s at 0957 hours at F-6171, and escorted them to dropping zone at F-9684. Escort patrol was uneventful. Squadron then contacted Summerfrock who told squadron to attack town of Kleinlongerfeld at L-1086. Town was not attacked due to weather.

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- A. : Squadron then conducted armed recon to Hirterweiler L-300825. 7 A/C released 14-500# GP bombs on town at L-300825, scoring 10 hits in town, with some buildings hit. One A/C released 2-500# GP bombs on M/T at Reugen L-3681 - NRO. Four G/Ws were strafed and damaged in M/T. 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on town of Protzborn at L-339774, destroying many buildings. Squadron of 12 A/C then left enemy territory at 1150, landing at Y-34 at 1222. One A/C was damaged by flak. No abortive or E/A were encountered. The flak at Bittburg to NE of Bittburg was heavy, moderate and accurate. The weather was 10/10 stratus at 1500 to 3000 feet, with breaks here and there. Visibility was good.

Field Order No. 199, Annex No. 1, Para. I, Mission J29-3,  
XIX Tactical Air Command.

- A. : 10 F47Ds (D/Bombers) of the 397th Fighter Squadron, of the 368th Fighter Group, took off from Y-34 at 1334, 14 February 1945 to conduct armed recon over Erar, Wittlich, Cochem, Koblenz, Andernach, Sinzig, Adenau, Ulmen, Daun and Bittburg Areas. The primary target being roads and rail movements. 10 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs. Squadron proceeded on mission as briefed, arriving over enemy territory at 1345. Bombs were called into squadron by Ripsaw #5, but upon investigation, turned out to be F51s. 10 A/C then released 20-500# GP bombs on M/T depot at Alrweiler F-522161. All bombs fell in target area, with 2 buildings destroyed. Bombing was fair. One building was strafed and destroyed in target area. Squadron flew entire recon area but no suitable targets could be located. Squadron of 10 A/C then left enemy territory at 1450, landing at Y-34 at 1526. No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. Thirty-five plus barges were seen on Rhine River between Koblenz and Bonn. A launching site some 1500 feet long, previously hit by bombs and now in good condition, was seen at L-5413. The flak at F-5216 and F-5531 was heavy, moderate and accurate; at F-6913 it was heavy, weak and very accurate. The weather - scattered alto-cumulus at 15-2500 feet. Visibility was good.

Field Order No. 199, Annex No. 2, Mission J29-4, XIX Tactical  
Air Command.

- A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 23 F47Ds (D/Bombers) on two squadron missions, 14 February 1945 to conduct armed recon over Bingen - St Goar - Koblenz - Sinzig - Bonn - and Linberg Areas. The primary target being road and rail movements. 23 A/C each carried 2-500# GP bombs. Squadrons took off and landed at Y-34. The data on these operations is as follows:

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| Mission No. | Sqd. | A/C Dispatched | Time UP | Time Down | Target  | Time O/T |
|-------------|------|----------------|---------|-----------|---|----------|
| 1           | 396  | 12             | 1512    | 1715      | Sqd. contacted Rippear #3 who then directed sqd. to target. 12 A/C released 24 x 500# GP bombs on concentration of M/Ts at Hergersheim M-667403. 4 M/Ts were dest. and half of block of town dest. Much debris was noted. Sqd. then strafed and dest. 6 M/Ts, 5 horse-drawn vehicles, 10 horses and German personnel between M-0542 and M-0641.   | 1525     |
| 2           | 395  | 11             | 1517    | 1724      | 3 A/C released 6-500# GP bombs on A/D at M-610615, containing about 15 ME 110s and ME 109s. Three ME 110s were damaged at Hergersheim M-610610. 8 A/C released 16-500# GP bombs on M/T at M-666685, cutting tracks, and damaging warehouses. Overpass at M-656676 was damaged. 3 locos. were dest. 2 more damaged and 10 goods wagons also dest. in some area. Bombing was good. Sqd. then strafed following targets - 1 M/T damaged at M-518347, one loco. and 2 G/Ws damaged at M-530340, one loco and 6 G/Ws damaged at L-5813. One ME 110 was dest. and one damaged on A/D at M-610394. One ME 109 was also in same area. | 1600     |

A. No damaged, or abortive A/C were encountered. Five black-gray balloons were seen over bridge at Gernsheim M-537285. Four twin engine transport A/C were seen at A/D at Dortmund M-610394. The flak at M-610615 was light, moderate and inaccurate. The weather was CAVU.

Field Order No 199, Annex No. 2, Mission J29-5, XIX Tactical Air Command.

A. 12 B-7Ds (D/Bombers) of the 397th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from Y-24 at 1631, 14 February 1945 to attack Neunkirchen M/T. 12 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs. Two A/C aborted before reaching target - one A/C encountered a cracked rocker box and another as its escort. A/C returned 4-500# GP bombs to base. Squadron of 10 A/C arrived over enemy territory at 1650. 10 A/C released 19-500# GP bombs on M/T at Neunkirchen. Much activity was observed to be going on. Two buildings were hit SE of M/T. M/T was left in smoke and flames. One bomb fell on 9 houses at Uerweiller G-525923. Three houses were also strafed and left burning. 10 A/C left target area at 1715, landing at Y-24 at 1732. No damaged or E/A were encountered. The flak at M-2623 was heavy, moderate and intense. The weather was CAVU.

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- B. : (i) 105 F47Ds (D/Bombers - Attack Rail Bridges at Geistenbeck F-099343 and Neuss F-284866. Escort 102 Ch7s - Armed Recon over Elm - Andernau - Cochem - Attack H/Y at Neunkirchen)
- (ii) 103 - D/Bombers - Attacked Targets - Completed Mission.
- (iii) 2 - D/Bombers 1-(e) Rocket box cracked.  
1-(a) Escort to abortive A/C.
- (iv) NIL
- (v) NIL
- (vi) NIL
- (vii) 3 - Damaged by flak, Cat. A.
- (viii) 105
- C. : (i) 15 - 150 gallon American external belly tanks.
- (ii) NIL
- D. : (i) 239.30
- (ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 222600 rounds 50 cal.
- (ii) 15845
- (iii) NIL
- F. : (i) 210 - 500# GP bombs -  
(142 - AN M103-1/10 nose, AN M101A2-1/40 tail fusing)  
(68 - AN M103-instant nose, AN M101A2-1/40 tail fusing)
- (ii) 205
- (iii) NIL
- (iv) NIL
- 4-500# GP bombs returned to base by abortive A/C.  
1-500# GP bomb returned to base after hang-up.
- G. : NIL
- H. : On the Ground 1-0-5
- (i) 1-ME 110 - 2nd Lt Lawrence P. Marsch, 395th Fighter Sqd.
- (ii) NIL
- (iii) 1-ME 110 - 2nd Lt Charles R. Folts, 395th Fighter Sqd.  
1-ME 109 - 2nd Lt Neally Riemann, 395th Fighter Sqd.  
3-ME 110 - During bombing attack on A/D., 395th Fighter Sqd.
- (iv) NIL

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|    | 27. | Horses 10-0-0           |
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|    |     | Storage Tank 0-0-1      |

For the Commanding Officer:

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

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HEADQUARTERS  
368TH FIGHTER GROUPAFPO 141, US Army,  
18 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical  
Control Section.  
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical  
Control Section.  
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical  
Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

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Oprep A No. 352 for 24 hours ending sunset 15 February 1945.  
Field Order No. 200, Para. D, Mission FVD-1, XIX Tactical  
Air Command.A. : The 397th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group  
dispatched a total of 20 P-47Ds (D/Bombers) on two squadron  
missions, 15 February 1945 to Cooperate with Units of XI Corps.  
If no targets are given by Ground Controller, squadrons will  
conduct armed reconnaissance in Metz-Sarburg-Febach Areas. 20 A/C each  
carried 2x500# GP bombs. Squadrons took off and landed at Y-34.  
The data on these operations is as follows:

| Mission No. | Sqd. | A/C Dispatched | Time up | Time down | Target  | Time O/T |
|-------------|------|----------------|---------|-----------|---|----------|
| 1           | 397  | 8              | 1229    | 1511      | 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on H/F at Noweller L-443124, damaging 6 transformer or ammunition cars and probably destroying 6 others. Trucks were also believed to have been cut. Bombing was good.                                 | 1250     |
|             |      |                |         |           | 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on H/F at Mulfeld L-445041, damaging 5 cars.   |          |
| 2           | 397  | 12             | 1610    | 1747      | 8 A/C released 16-500# GP bombs on smoke marked target east of Sinzig L-070042, NRO. 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on town of Chertuban L-082016. Target was marked by smoke. Bombing was good. Sqd. then straddled targets in town. | 1630     |

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| Mission No. | Sqd. | A/C Dispatched | Time up | Time down | Target   | Time O/T |
|-------------|------|----------------|---------|-----------|--|----------|
| 2           | 397  | 12             |         |           | of Kollasbuchen L-115062, but no claims were made. German personnel were strafed in streets of Trassan L-125092. Towns of Karl L-091065, Belzingen L-0712 and gun emplacements in town of Oberbuchen L-075016 were well strafed. |          |

- A. : No damaged, abortive or R/A were encountered. The flak at L-087076 was light, moderate and inaccurate. The weather was generally CAVU, with slight haze.

Field Order No. 200, Para. E, Mission P and PW-1, XIX Tactical Air Command.

- A. : 4 B-7Ds (Leaflet Bombers) of the 397th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from Y-34 at 1229, 15 February 1945 to drop leaflet bombs over Bittburg L-1253, Marlenback L-1975, Sarnsdorf L-2100 and Wittlich L-3954. 4 A/C carried a total of 28 leaflet bombs - (8 Great West and 4 each of the following - 2061, 2082, 2084, 20100 and PW-44). Flight of four A/C proceeded on mission as briefed, arriving over enemy territory at 1245. Seven leaflet bombs were dropped on each of the following areas: - Bittburg L-1253, Marlenback L-1975, Sarnsdorf L-2100 and Wittlich L-3954. Flight of 4 A/C then left enemy territory at 1415, landing at Y-34 at 1511. No damaged, abortive or R/A were encountered. The flak at Wittlich at L-3954 and at L-2232 was heavy, weak and inaccurate. The weather was good with some haze. Visibility was seven miles.

Field Order No. 200, Para. F, Mission P05-2, XIX Tactical Air Command.

- A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 24 B-7Ds (D/Bombers) on two squadron missions of 12 A/C each, 15 February 1945 to conduct armed reconnaissance over Worms, Darmstadt, Sarnsdorf, Wunsburg and Oberbuchen. 24 A/C each carried 2x500/ GP bombs. Squadrons took off and landed at Y-34. The data on these operations is as follows:

| Mission No. | Sqd. | A/C Dispatched | Time up | Time down | Target  | Time O/T |
|-------------|------|----------------|---------|-----------|---|----------|
| 1           | 396  | 12             | 1233    | 1545      | 6 A/C released 12-500/ GP bombs 1252 on train of 70 RR cars at Ebenberg L-077342, claiming 20 cars dest. and tracks cut in 4 places. 2 A/C released 4-500/ GP bombs on 20 RR cars at L-081349, claiming 15 cars dest. and 2-3 buildings damaged and tracks were cut in some places. 4 A/C released 8-500/ GP bombs on 120 RR cars at Bad Brunnich L-105390, 15 cars cars dest. and tracks cut in 4 places. Bombing on all targets was good. |          |

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| Mission No. | Sqd. | A/C Dispatched | Time up | Time down | Target   | Time O/T |
|-------------|------|----------------|---------|-----------|--|----------|
| 2           | 395  | 12             | 1242    | 1536      | 2 A/C released 4-500# GP bombs 1255 on RR bridge over road at M-1107 cutting RR at east and west end of bridge. Bridge still standing. 2 A/C released 6-500# GP bombs on town at M-5424 - RRO. Sqd. then gave chase to one ME 410 which was on deck going east at M-5621. E/A could not be caught and led sqd. over A/D at Domstadt. E/A was later damaged. 3 A/C released 6-500# GP bombs on RR at M-5334, destroying one loco. and 6 cars and damaging 6 other cars. Bombing was good. 5 A/C released 10-500# GP bombs on M/Y at M-8532, cutting tracks only. Bombing in general was good. |          |

A. : Three A/C were damaged by flak. No abortive A/C were encountered on the missions. 100 RR cars were observed in M/Y at Lowebrucken Q-759732. The flak at M-0938 was light, intense and accurate; at M-396396 it was light, intense and accurate. The weather was CAVU.

B. : (i) 48 F47Ds (4 - Leaflet Bombers)  
(44- D/Bombers - Cooperate with Units of XV Corps - If no targets are given by Ground Controller, squadrons to conduct armed recon over Metzlig-Saarburg-Lebach-Warzburg and Worms)

(ii) 48 - (4-Leaflet Bombers)  
(44-D/Bombers - Attacked Targets - Completed Missions.

(iii) NIL  
(iv) NIL  
(v) NIL  
(vi) NIL  
(vii) 3 - Damaged by flak - 2-Cat. A, 1-Cat. AC.  
(viii) 48

C. : (i) 8 - 150 gallon American external belly tanks.  
(ii) NIL

D. : (i) 124:00  
(ii) NIL

E. : (i) 10176 rounds 50 cal.  
(ii) 8710  
(iii) NIL

F. : (i) 88 - 500# GP bombs (32-AN M103-instant nose AN M101A2-1/40 tail fusing - 56-AN M103-1/10 nose, AN M101A2-1/40 tail fusing)  
(ii) 88  
(iii) NIL  
(iv) NIL

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F. : (i) 28 - Leaflet bombs  
 (8 - Front Post)  
 (4 - ZG-61)  
 (4 - ZG-82)  
 (4 - ZG-84)  
 (4 - ZG-108)  
 (4 - PWB-44)

(ii) 28  
 (iii) NIL  
 (iv) NIL

G. : NIL

H. : In the Air 0-0-1  
 (i) NIL  
 (ii) NIL  
 (iii) 1 - MR 410 - Captain Howard W. Jensen, 395th Fighter Sqd.  
 (iv) NIL

I. : 3. 1-0-0  
 4. 56-6-17  
 9. 0-0-3  
 11. 12-0-0  
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For the Commanding Officer:

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

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HEADQUARTERS  
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 141, US Army.  
20 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical  
Control Unit.  
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical  
Control Section.  
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical  
Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

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Oprep A Report No. 353 for 24 hours ending sunset 16 February 1945.  
Field Order No. 201, Para. F, Mission WZ-1, XIX Tactical Air  
Command.

A. The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 42 F4Us (D/Bombers) on a total of 4 squadron missions, 16 February 1945 to Support VII Corps Units by squadrons and contact Summerbrook for target assignment. If no targets are given, squadrons will conduct armed races over Bitburg, Fronsfield, Dorf, Benkenheimer, Borsel and Palm Areas. 38 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs and 4 A/C each carried 12 - 127 frag bombs (2 clusters of 6 each). Squadrons took off and landed at Y-34. The data on these operations is as follows:

| Mission No. | Sqd. | A/C Dispatched | Time up | Time down | Target   | Time O/T |
|-------------|------|----------------|---------|-----------|--|----------|
| 1           | 397  | 10             | 0919    | 1159      | 6 A/C released 12-500# GP bombs and 4 A/C released 48 frag bombs on M/T at L-2481. No hits in M/T were observed. 4-5 bliggs around M/T were well hit. Sqd. also strafed town of Gerolstein. 11 armored vehicles were strafed (7 of which were tanks) and damaged at L-0671; 10 armored vehicles were strafed and damaged at L-052710. 8 tanks were strafed and destroyed at L-065710; 7 M/Ts were strafed and destroyed at L-0267. | 0950     |

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| Mission No. | Sqd. | A/C Dispatched | Time UP | Time Down | Target   | Time O/T |
|-------------|------|----------------|---------|-----------|--|----------|
| 2           | 397  | 8              | 1315    | 1529      | 2 A/C released 4-500# GP bombs on concentration of 60-75 M/Ts in woods at L-06040, claiming 4 M/Ts dest. 2 A/C released 4-500# GP bombs in wooded area at L-070570-NRO. 3 A/C released 60500# GP bombs on M/T at Kojellburg L-180607, claiming 2 bldgs. and 10 cars dest. One A/C released 2-500# GP bombs on town on town of Amerath L-4571-NRO. Bombing in general was good. 20 M/Ts were then strafed and dest at L-06663; 7 M/Ts were strafed and dest. at L-0959. | 1325     |
| 3           | 396  | 12             | 1613    | 1818      | 12 A/C released 24-500# GP bombs on M/T at L-1970 - Densbarn, cutting tracks in 4 places and starting 3 fires. Bombing was good. Sqd. then strafed and dest. 30 cars and damaged 20 others in M/T.   | 1630     |
| 4           | 395  | 12             | 1632    | 1830      | 12 A/C released 24-500# GP bombs on M/T at Densbarn L-1970, claiming 21 cars dest, and 7 damaged and cutting tracks in 3 places and destroying a long factory-like building. Bombing was very good. Sqd. also strafed targets during bomb-run. One of our A/C was hit by flak and was seen to go down in flames at L-563 (pin-point by controller).  | 1700     |

A. Three A/C were damaged by flak. No abortive or R/A were encountered on any of the missions. Much scattered vehicles were observed in vicinity of L-0670. A battle was observed to be going on at L-050450. Town of Hum was noted to be in flames. A Red Cross hospital with 15-20 ambulances in yard was observed in vicinity of L-1163. Some 212 appeared to be bombing and strafing our troops at L-3264. The flak at L-0267 was moderate, light and accurate; at L-2431 it was intense, light and accurate; at RR junction at L-1654 and L-172562 it was heavy, moderate and accurate. The weather was 10/10 on the first mission. Later in the day it was GNVG.

Field Order No. 201, Annex No. 1, Para. K, Mission J29-1,  
KAX Tactical Air Command.

A. The 368th Fighter Group dispatched 24 F47Ds (D/Bombers) on two squadron missions of 12 A/C each, 16 February 1945 to provide close escort to 2 Groups of B26s attacking Ordnance Depot at Unna (A-9662892). Five minutes before reaching target, bombers will say "Complete your mission", or fire green flares which will be a signal for squadrons to dive-bomb heavy flak positions at A-892374, A-917335, A-944352, A-944342, A-944352 and A-944341. 16 A/C each carried 2-500# GP bombs and 8 A/C each carried two clusters of 6 - 127 frag bombs (total of 48 frag bombs). Squadrons took off and landed at Y-34. The data on these operations is as follows:

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| Mission No. | Sqd. | A/C Dispatched | Time UP | Time Down | Target  | Time O/E |
|-------------|------|----------------|---------|-----------|---|----------|
| 1           | 395  | 12             | 1144    | 1531      | 2 A/C aborted shortly after take-off - one A/C blew spark plug and the other A/C as its escort. One A/C returned 2-500 GP bombs to base and one A/C jettisoned 2-500 GP bombs safe near the base. Squadron failed to R/V with the bombers. 10 A/C then released 12-500 GP bombs and 48 frag bombs on two large water tanks at F-7792 - Amchon-Altobank. Tanks were destroyed by three direct hits. Bombing was good. One frag cluster was jettisoned safe at U-7556. One of our A/C landed at Liege on return to base, due to shortage of gas.  | 1240     |
| 2           | 396  | 12             | 1151    | 1510      | One A/C hit a tree at take-off and would not respond to flying under normal take-off conditions. Another A/C escorted this A/C back to base. 2-500 GP bombs were returned to base and 2-500 GP bombs were jettisoned safe at U-7756. Sqd. of 10 A/C failed to R/V with bombers. Sqd. contacted a group of bombers going in opposite direction. 8 A/C then released 48 frag bombs and 8-500 GP bombs on loco and 15 cars at Linen - B-02027. Two cars were dest. and 2 damaged. Loco was then strafed and destroyed. 2 A/C released 4-500 GP bombs on loco and 8 cars at B-02190 at Brandenberg, dclating loco dest. and trussle bridge damaged. Bombing was good. | 1235     |

A. Two A/C were damaged by flak. No E/A were encountered on the missions. The flak at B-02190 was light, intense and moderate; at F-7792 it was heavy, moderate and accurate. The weather was CAWU.

- B. (i) 66 F47Ds (D/Bombers - Support VII Corps Units - If no targets are given, squadrons to conduct armed recon over Bieburg, Borsel, Elm, Dorf and Bismantelner - To provide close support to two groups of B26s attacking Ordnance Depot at Unna (A-9662892 - attack heavy flak positions in designated areas)
- (ii) 62 - D/Bombers - Attached targets - Completed Missions. One A/C failed to return after making bombing attack.
- (iii) 4 - D/Bombers - 1-(a) A/C hit tree and would not respond to normal take off conditions.  
1-(c) Engine trouble - Spark plug blew out.  
2-(d) Escorts to abortive A/C.
- (iv) NIL
- (v) NIL
- (vi) 1 - A/C was believed hit by flak and seen to go down in flames believed to be F-353 (pinpoint by controller) Pilot did not get out of burning A/C.

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- B. : (vii) 5 - 3-Damaged by flak - 2 Cat. A, 1 Cat. AG.  
1-A/C hit tree, Sat. AG.  
1-A/C belly landed and burned, Cat. E.  
(viii) 66
- C. : (i) 14 - 150 gallon American external belly tanks.  
(ii) 14
- D. : (i) 173:00  
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 139920 rounds 50 cal.  
(ii) 15140  
(iii) 2120
- F. : (i) 108 - 500# GP bombs (AN M103-instant nose, AN M101A2-1/40 tail fusing)  
(ii) 100  
(iii) 4  
(iv) NIL  
4-500# GP bombs returned to base by 2 abortive A/C  
24 M27  
(i) 144 - 100# Frag bombs  
(ii) 133  
(iii) 61  
(iv) NIL
- G. : 1 - Pilot - MA - 1st Lt Donald E Huff, O-681673, 395th Fighter Squadron - A/C was believed hit by flak and seen to go down in flames at Schoos, Luxembourg A-870299. Pilot did not get out of A/C
- H. : NIL
- I. : 1. 38-0-0  
2. 0-0-29  
3. 2-0-0  
4. 63-0-29  
5. 0-0-1  
9. 3-0-4  
11. 7-0-0  
14. 4  
17. Large water tank 2-0-0

For the Commanding Officer:

*Harold D. Powell*  
 HAROLD D. POWELL  
 Captain, Air Corps,  
 Ass't. Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS  
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

AFO M1, US Army.  
17 February 1945.

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SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAF Form 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit.  
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical Control Section.  
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : Oprep A No. 354 for 24 hours ending sunset 17 February 1945.  
Field Order No. 202, Para. E, Mission ATH-1, Para. F, Mission GAF-1 and Para. G, Mission EB-1, XIX Tactical Air Command.

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

For the Commanding Officer:

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

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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 141, US Army,  
19 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical  
Control Unit.  
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical  
Control Section.  
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical  
Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : Oprep A No. 355 for 24 hours ending sunset, 18 February 1945.  
Field Order No. 203, Para. B, Mission OCB-1, Para. F, Mission  
YVN-1, Para. G, Mission P & JW, XIX Tactical Air Command.

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

For the Commanding Officer:

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

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368TH FIGHTER GROUPAF0 141, US Army,  
25 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprop A Report. USAAF Form 94A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical  
Control Unit.  
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical  
Control Section.  
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical  
Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

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Oprop A No. 356 for 24 hours ending sunset 19 February 1945.  
Field Order No. 204, Para. F, Mission ORD-1, IX Tactical  
Air Command.

A. The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 96 F47Ds (D/Bombers) on five squadron missions, 19 February 1945 to cooperate with Units of XII Corps. If no targets are given by Ground Controller, squadrons will conduct armed reconnaissance over Trier, Stadtfeld, Uman, Cochem and Wittlich Areas. 36 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs. Squadrons took off and landed at Y-34. The data on these operations is as follows:

| Mission No. | Sqd. | A/C Dispatched | Time UP | Time Down | Target  | Time O/T |
|-------------|------|----------------|---------|-----------|---|----------|
| 1           | 396  | 8              | 1147    | 1344      | One A/C aborted due to tachometer failure and returned 2-500# GP bombs to base. Targets assigned by Controllers were covered by overcast. Sqd. of 7 A/C then released by 5th - radio control, 1x-500# GP bombs on target near Moselle River, NE of Trier-IRG.   | 1215     |
| 2           | 397  | 8              | 1232    | 1426      | Sqd. flew armed recon over Trier-Wittlich area which was covered by overcast. 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on town of Schuld F-406056. Bombing was excellent with entire 15-20 buildings in town completely dest. 3 A/C released 6-500# GP bombs on RR bridge at F-389056, scoring probably 2-3 hits. Results obscured by smoke. 1 A/C released 2-500# GP bombs on 15 cars on track at F-406066. Tracks were cut in 1 place - rest IRG. | 1320     |

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| Mission No. | Sqd. | A/C Dispatched | Time up | Time down | Target   | Time O/T |
|-------------|------|----------------|---------|-----------|--|----------|
| 3           | 396  | 8              | 1433    | 1637      | Brandy instructed sqd. to attack a CP of the 53 Panzer Corps at Wissembourg L-07552. 8 A/C released 16-500# GP bombs on CP. Bombing was probably excellent with all bombs in target area. Much smoke and dust obscured results.  | 1445     |
| 4           | 397  | 4              | 1532    | 1707      | 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on CP at Nisch L-067518. All bombs hit bldgs. in town-ERO. M/Ts in town could not be strafed due to permission from Outbreak - later M/Ts had gone. Sqd. strafed trees, bushes and tracks in some area - NRO. No activity was observed in recon area.                 | 1600     |
| 5           | 396  | 8              | 1547    | 1750      | 8 A/C released 16-500# GP bombs on 1610 smoke marked target at Bettingen L-0450. Results believed good with smoke rising up to 2000 feet. Sqd. then strafed and dest. 3 heavy M/Ts and damaged 10 others at L-105543. One A/C damaged by flak, with wing on fire, landed at A-97. Pilot not injured. |          |

- A. Two A/C were damaged by flak. No E/A were encountered on any of the missions. 15-20 hospital cars were observed on a siding at P-440068. Many vehicles were noted between L-105542 and Bifburg. The flak at L-1356 was light, intense and accurate. The weather was generally 9-10/10 stratus to 8000 feet. Visibility was poor.

Field Order No. 204, Para. C, Mission P and PW, XII  
Tactical Air Command.

- A. Four B-7Ds (1/Bombers) of the 395th Fighter Squadron took off from Y-34 at 1207, 19 February 1945 to drop leaflet bombs over the following areas: Schweich, Saarbr., Maxweiler and Welschbillig. 4 A/C carried a total of 28 leaflet bombs - (2 each of Front Post, and 1 each of 20-114, 20-112, 20-61, 20-75 and PW 44). Flight proceeded on mission as briefed, arriving over enemy territory at 1220. Flight was vectored by Ripper. Flight of 4 A/C then released 7 leaflet bombs at each of the following points: Welschbillig L-1640, Schweich L-2736, Saarbr. L-0044, and Maxweiler L-0367. Bombs were released at 5000 feet and opened at 2000 feet. Flight of 4 A/C then left enemy territory at 1315, landing at Y-34 at 1421. No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. The weather was 10/10 status between 2500 and 3500 feet. Visibility was good.

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A. Field Order No. 204, Par. E, Mission SUX-1, XIX Tactical Air Command.

The 395th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group dispatched 16 F47Ds (D/Bombers) on two squadron missions, 19 February 1945 to cooperate with Units of VII Corps. If no targets are given by Ground Controller, squadrons will conduct armed recon over Blankenheim, Dorsel, and Bitburg Areas. 16 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs. Squadrons took off and landed at Y-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  | 8              | 1207    | 1421      | Target assigned by Summerfrock was covered by overcast. 8 A/C then released 15-500# GP bombs on M/T at F-312182 at Mmstereifel, damaging 20 cars. 4 hits were observed in town causing large fire (possible ammunition). Tracks were cut in 2-3 places also. A large castle was also hit in town. Bombing was generally good.  | 1317     |
| 2           | 395  | 8              | 1541    | 1745      | 6 A/C released 12-500# GP bombs on smoke marked town at F-970688, claiming 10 bldgs. dest. and 10 damaged. Bombing was good. 2 A/C released 4-500# GP bombs on M/Ts at L-019655, claiming 3 M/Ts dest. Road between F-967680 and F-980660 south of Lichtenborn was strafed. 30 M/Ts were dest and 4 M/Ts damaged, 1 staff car dest., 1 horse-drawn cart dest. One heavy tank dest. at F-975665 and 3 M/Ts dest. at L-019665 by strafing. | 1630     |

A. Two A/C were damaged by small arms fire. No abortive or E/A were encountered. The flak at F-340295 was heavy, weak and accurate. The weather was 2 to 10/10 at 2500 to 4000 feet, with breaks here and there. Visibility below overcast was 1-2 miles and 15 miles plus above overcast.

B. (1) 56 F47Ds (4 - Leaflet Bombers)  
(52 - D/Bombers - To cooperate with Units of VIII and XII Corps. If no targets are given, to conduct armed recon over Trier, Cochem, Blankenheim, Dorsel and Bitburg Areas - Drop leaflet bombs over Schweich, Salmschr, Maxwelller and Welschebilig Areas)

(11) 55 - (4 - Leaflet Bombers and  
(51 - D/Bombers - Attacked targets - Completed Mission)

(111) 1 - D/Bomber 1-(a) Tactometer failure.

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B. : (iv) NIL  
 (v) NIL  
 (vi) NIL  
 (vii) 4 - 2 - Damaged by flak - 1-Cat. AC and 1 Cat. A.  
 2 - Damaged by small arms fire, Cat. A.  
 (viii) 56

C. : (i) 9 - 150 gallon American external belly tanks.  
 (ii) 8

D. : (i) 121:15  
 (ii) NIL

E. : (i) 120840 rounds 50 cal.  
 (ii) 15906  
 (iii) NIL

F. : (i) 104 - 500# GP bombs (AN M103-instant nose, AN M101A2-1/40  
 tail fusing)  
 (ii) 101  
 (iii) 1  
 (iv) NIL  
 2-500# GP bombs returned to base by 2 abortive A/C  
 (i) 28 - Leaflet Bombs - (8-Front Post)  
 (h-2G-114)  
 (h-2G-112)  
 (h-2G-61)  
 (h-2G-75)  
 (h-PW-44)  
 (ii) 28  
 (iii) NIL  
 (iv) NIL

G. : NIL

H. : NIL

I. : 1. 40-0-14  
 2. 1-0-0  
 4. 0-0-20  
 5. 0-0-1  
 9. 25-0-11  
 11. 4-0-0  
 13. 1-0-0  
 14. 1

For the Commanding Officer:

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

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HEADQUARTERS  
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 141, US Army,  
25 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical  
Control Unit.  
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical  
Control Section.  
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical  
Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

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Oprep A No. 357 for 24 hours ending sunset 20 February 1945.  
Field Order No. 205, Para. F, Mission NBN-1, XIX Tactical  
Air Command.

A. The 396th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 16 P-47Ds (D/Bombers) on two squadron missions of 8 A/C each, 20 February 1945 to cooperate with Units of XII Corps. If no targets are given, by Ground Controller squadrons will conduct armed recon over Trier, Stadtfield and Cochem Arenas. 16 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs. Squadrons took off and landed at Y-34. The data on these operations is as follows:

| Mission No. | Sqd. | A/C Dispatched | Time up | Time down | Target  | Time O/T |
|-------------|------|----------------|---------|-----------|---|----------|
| 1           | 396  | 8              | 0952    | 1143      | 8 A/C released 16-500# GP bombs on smoke marked town of Milbach L-044532, as requested by Outbreak V. Target believed to be GP which was dest along with 6 other bldgs. 1 M/T was also dest. Bombing results were excellent. Sqd. then strafed targets between L-0652 and L-1253, claiming 13 M/Ts dest. and 18 damaged, 1 van dest., 6 horse-drawn vehicles and 3 tanks dest. and 3 tanks damaged. | 1090     |
| 2           | 396  | 8              | 1116    | 1314      | 8 A/C released 15-500# GP bombs on a 15 M/T and tank concentration at Obervierra L-060523, claiming 3 tanks and 10 M/Ts dest. Bombing was very good. One bomb was dropped on 8 M/Ts at L-030547 - BRG.  | 1140     |

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| Mission No. | Sqd. | A/C Dispatched | Time up | Time down | Target  | Time O/T |
|-------------|------|----------------|---------|-----------|---|----------|
| 2           | 396  |                |         |           | Sqd. then strafed scattered vehicles at Oldendorf L-030515, claiming 23 M/Ts dest., 11 damaged, 2 horse-drawn vehicles dest. and 2 German Personnel dest. |          |

- A. One A/C was damaged by flak and two others by flying debris. No abortive or E/A were encountered on any of the missions. M/T at Kaiserlautern was filled with cars. RR and factory noted to be active in vicinity of Neunkirchen. The flak at R-095930 was light, intense and accurate; at L-030515 it was light, moderate and accurate. The weather was 10/10 cumulus with tops at 8000 feet and base at 4500 feet. Visibility was poor.

Field Order No. 205, Para. G, Mission J29-3, XIX Tactical Air Command.

- A. The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 32 F47Ds (D/Bombers) on two squadron missions of 16 A/C each, 20 February 1945 to conduct armed recon over Mainz, Aschaffenburg and Darmstadt Areas and also over Gernsheim, Würzburg and Heidelberg Areas. 32 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs. Squadrons took off and landed at Y-34. The data on these operations is as follows:

| Mission No. | Sqd. | A/C Dispatched | Time up | Time down | Target   | Time O/T |
|-------------|------|----------------|---------|-----------|--|----------|
| 1           | 397  | 16             | 1023    | 1238      | 16 A/C released 31-500# GP bombs 1040 on dock area at Gernsheim M-535285 destroying 11 barges and damaging 5 others. 2 or 3 locks were dest. Bombing was excellent. One bomb was dropped on M/T at R-1198, destroying 4 cars and cutting track in one place. Sqd. then strafed and damaged 25 RR cars at R-095930.               |          |
| 2           | 395  | 16             | 1037    | 1323      | 12 A/C released 24-500# GP bombs 1055 on M/T at Worms M-449156, destroying 4 RR cars, 4 warehouses and whole point. 2 locks were damaged and tracks cut throughout M/T. Bombing was very good. 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on RR bridge at M-460169. Bridge was missed. One oil barge was nearly destroyed. Bombing was fair. |          |

- A. No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. Balloons were observed to be over bridge at M-460169 and the town at M-449156. Much RR and factory activity was noted at Q-5686. The weather was 9-10/10 stratus at 14000 feet tops and base at 6000 feet. Visibility below overcast was poor.

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- B. : (i) ~~48 B7Ds~~ (D/Bombers - Cooperate with Units of XII Corps.  
If no targets are given and to conduct armed  
recess over Trier, Stadtfield and Cochem Areas;  
other flights to conduct armed recess over  
Marins, Aschaffenburg Areas and over Geranden  
Wurzburg and Heideberg Areas)
- (ii) ~~48~~ - Attacked targets - Completed Missions.  
(iii) ~~NIL~~  
(iv) ~~NIL~~  
(v) ~~NIL~~  
(vi) ~~NIL~~  
(vii) 5 - 3-Damaged by flak - 1 Cat. A., and 2 Cat. AC.  
2-Damaged by flying Betris, Cat. A.  
(viii) ~~48~~
- C. : (i) 8 - 150 gallon American external belly tanks.  
(ii) 2
- D. : (i) 120<sup>45</sup>  
(ii) ~~NIL~~
- E. : (i) 162760 rounds 50 cal.  
(ii) 25130  
(iii) ~~NIL~~
- F. : (i) 96 - 500<sup>4</sup> GP bombs - AN M103-instant nose, AN M20A2-1/40  
tail fusing.  
(ii) 96  
(iii) ~~NIL~~  
(iv) ~~NIL~~
- G. : ~~NIL~~
- H. : ~~NIL~~
- I. : 1. ~~48-0-29~~  
2. 6-0-3  
3. 6-0-2  
4. 8-0-25  
9. 11-0-0  
11. 2-0-0  
12. 12-0-5  
13. 8-0-0  
14. 2  
17. ~~Doaks~~ 3-0-0  
German Personnel 2-0-0

For the Commanding Officer:

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

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HEADQUARTERS  
368TH FIGHTER GROUPAFO 141, US Army.  
27 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34a.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical  
Control Unit.  
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical  
Control Section.  
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical  
Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

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Oprep A No. 358 for 24 hours ending sunset 21 February 1945.  
Field Order No. 206, Para. B, Mission XXV-1, XIX Tactical  
Air Command.

A. The 397th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 56 B-24Ds (D/Bombers) on a total of 13 squadron missions, 21 February 1945 to cooperate with units of the XII Corps with 4 A/C flights at 30 minute intervals. If no targets are given by Ground Controller, flight will conduct armed recon in area over Trier, Baden, Stadtfeld, Daun, Ulmen, Cochem and Wittlich Areas. 56 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs. Flights took off and landed at Y-34. The data on these operations is as follows:

| Mission No. | Sqd. | A/C Dispatched | Time up | Time down | Target   | Time O/T |
|-------------|------|----------------|---------|-----------|--|----------|
| 1           | 397  | 4              | 0808    | 1032      | 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on factory and W/Y at Kirm L-805319. Flight bombed thru hole in clouds W/O. Flight then strafed and dest. 1 loco at L-827330, 7 cars damaged at L-805319, one flak position dest. near Kirm L-8135.   | 0855     |
| 2           | 397  | 4              | 0835    | 1030      | 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on large W/Y at Idensdorf L-200915, cutting tracks in 2 places and starting fire in 1 bldg. Bombing was fair. Flight then strafed and dest. 1 RR car and damaged 7 others at L-2192; dest. 2 flak guns and 1 W/Y at L-5708 and damaged 1 W/Y at L-4455. |          |

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| Mission No. | Sqd. | A/C Dispatched | Time UP | Time Down | Target   | Time O/T |
|-------------|------|----------------|---------|-----------|--|----------|
| 2           | 397  | 4              | 0835    | 1030      | Factory on east side of Lissendorf was also strafed - NRO.   | 0900     |
| 3           | 397  | 4              | 0913    | 1102      | 1 A/C released 2-500# GP bombs in woods (possibly tanks) at L-0053. NRO. 3 A/C released 6-500# GP bombs on town of Bucht L-0764. Possible ammunition depot as bombing caused much grayish smoke and large explosions. Bombing was good. Flight then strafed and dest. 2 M/Ts and damaged 5 others at L-08535.  | 0935     |
| 4           | 397  | 4              | 1025    | 1158      | 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs in center of town at Mittendorf E-995505 supposed to contain 20 tanks. Target was marked by red smoke by Outbreak, who said results of bombing were excellent. Flight then strafed and dest. 2 gms and 1 German personnel at L-016521.  |          |
| 5           | 397  | 4              | 1107    | 1245      | 2 A/C released 2-500# GP bombs on castle at Markshausen L-055608. Castle was completely dest by 4 direct hits. Bombing was excellent. 2 A/C released 4-500# GP bombs on 7th Army GP at Bismarck L-274610, claiming 5 bldgs. and 12 staff cars dest. at GP. 4 other bldgs were dest. in town. Bombing was excellent. Flight then strafed and started fires in target area.  |          |
| 6           | 397  | 4              | 1127    | 1258      | During recon, flight released 8-500# GP bombs on RR bridge over Moselle River at L-571671. One direct hit on N side of bridge believed to have dest 1 span. Other bombs fell as near misses on S embankment of bridge. Bombing was generally good.   | 1215     |
| 7           | 397  | 4              | 1202    | 1402      | 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on town of Meiserich L-445783, claiming 10 M/Ts dest. Bombing was good. Flight then strafed and dest. 6 bldgs. in same area. 2 concrete mixers were also strafed and damaged at L-410820. Flight then strafed 70-80 camouflaged objects thought to be M/Ts in area at L-4929-NRO.   |          |
| 8           | 397  | 4              | 1235    | 1406      | 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs in town of Niehl E-995505 which was marked by smoke - 2 houses were dest. and road cut in 1 place - rest of bombs NRO. Flight then strafed gun positions west of Niehl NRO. Strafing and dest. mobile gun at L-012519; dest. flak position and 2 M/Ts at L-00542; dest. 1 M/T, 1 trailer, 1 jeep and fuel truck at E-991539. Flight also strafed and dest. 1 bldg and 1 M/T at L-009540. 2 M/Ts, and half track dest and 1 tank damaged at E-9659. Troop concentration was strafed and trailer dest. at L-000575. One gun pro. dest. at L-000547. |          |

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| Mission No. | Sqd. | A/C Dispatched | Time up | Time down | Target   | Time O/T |
|-------------|------|----------------|---------|-----------|--|----------|
| 9           | 397  | 4              | 1333    | 1535      | 2 A/C released 8-500% GP bombs in wooded area at R-99553, containing tanks and trucks - HRO. 2 A/C released 8-500% GP bombs on town of Neihl at L-01615 - HRO except 2 bldgs. were dest. Flight then strafed and dest. 2 tanks and damaged 1 at L-0156. Three tanks were damaged and 3 M/Ts dest. at L-013852.   |          |
| 10          | 397  | 4              | 1343    | 1537      | 4 A/C released 8-500% GP bombs on 1440 troop concentration at Neihl at L-01616, destroying 2 small bldgs. and damaging some bldgs. in edge of town. Bombing was fair. Flight then strafed M/Ts NE of Neihl at L-03547, claiming 4 M/Ts damaged, 2 M/Ts were damaged and 1 dest. at L-030555.   |          |
| 11          | 397  | 4              | 1438    | 1635      | 4 A/C released 8-500% GP bombs in 1500 bldg. area at Sinsevelt R-985535, causing great damage to town. Bombing was very good. Flight then strafed and damaged 2 tanks at L-030655. Supplies and troops were strafed at L-0955 - HRO. 20 M/Ts were strafed (8 damaged and 1 dest.) at L-138610. One M/T dest and observation tower damaged at L-2462. 1 supply depot was strafed at L-2764 - HRO. 8 M/Ts and bldg. strafed and damaged at L-2568.   |          |
| 12          | 397  | 4              | 1508    | 1652      | 4 A/C released 8-500% GP bombs on 1545 1 tank at L-0256, damaging 1 tank. Bombing was fair. Flight also strafed target.  |          |
| 13          | 397  | 8              | 1623    | 1816      | 7 A/C released 14-500% GP bombs on 1710 town of Bonsterl at L-0454. Bombing was good. Whole town appeared to be on fire and at least 20 bldgs. dest. Flight also strafed town. One A/C strafed and released 2-500% GP bombs on town of Borscht L-01157, destroying 3 bldgs. Flight then strafed and dest. 1 tank and 1 M/T on outskirts of town. GP in houses were strafed and set on fire. A large van-pulling trailer was strafed and dest. at L-075610. One tank was dest. at L-0960; 1 M/T dest. at L-080614; 1 M/T dest. at L-100575 and 1 M/T dest. at L-105565. |          |

A. One A/C was damaged by falling expended 50 cal. shell casing. No abortive or E/A were encountered on any of the missions. A PW camp was observed west of Wittlich. Two large PW buildings were noted at L-4063. Much food and supplies were seen on road in vicinity of L-2568. A PW was noticed to be salvaged by Germans at L-081690. The flak at L-8135, L-5482 and L-4356 was light, moderate and accurate; at L-0156 it was light, moderate and accurate. The weather was 10/10 cumulus at 1-3000 feet during the early part of the day. Later in the afternoon it was 3-5/10 to 5000 feet. Late in the day it was CAUV.

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Field Order No. 206, Para. D, Mission CHR-1, XX Tactical Air Command.

A. The 395th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 48 B-24Ds (D/Bombers) on a total of 12 missions of 4 A/C each, 21 February 1945 to cooperate with Units of VIII Corps with 4 A/C flights at 30 minute intervals. If no targets are given by Ground Controller, flights will conduct armed recon over Bitburg, Tronsfeld, Binsenheim and Dorsel Areas. 48 A/C each carried 2-500# GP bombs. Flights took off and landed at X-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  | 4              | 0821    | 1007      | Flight was vectored by Ripsaw #3. 1 A/C released 2-500# GP bombs on round house (dest.) in WY at L-573026. 3 A/C released 6-500# GP bombs on bridge at L-573026. Bridge was missed. Bombing in general was fair.  | 0907     |
| 2           | 395  | 4              | 0858    | 1043      | 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on castle in town at L-057608. 4 of the bombs fell near the castle, killing 15 German personnel. Bombing was fair.   | 1015     |
| 3           | 395  | 4              | 0943    | 1200      | 3 A/C released 6-500# GP bombs on RR with 10 coaches and 4 G/Ws at L-463106. 2 coaches were dest., 2 G/Ws. dest. and tracks cut in 3 places. Bombing was good. One A/C jettisoned 2 bombs safe after hang-up O-7442.  | 1120     |
| 4           | 395  | 4              | 1004    | 1242      | Flight contacted Ripsaw #2 who had 1045 no targets. Ground Controller had no targets either. Flight could not find a suitable target throughout area, so flight returned 8-500# GP bombs to base. Mission was uneventful.   | 1242     |
| 5           | 395  | 4              | 1054    | 1302      | 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on 20 M/Ts at L-179608, claiming 8 M/Ts dest. and 3 damaged. One house dest. and road cut in 1 place. Bombing was very good.   | 1302     |
| 6           | 395  | 4              | 1245    | 1450      | Flight was vectored by Summerfrock 1315 to Scheuen. 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on concentration of vehicles at Scheuen at L-186852, claiming 4 M/Ts dest. and road cut. Bombing was fair. Flight then strafed and dest. 2 horse-drawn vehicles and 1 M/T at L-190855. | 1450     |
| 7           | 395  | 4              | 1327    | 1514      | 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on town of Lichtenbarn P-9769 and on gun positions NW of town - BRG. Flight then strafed town thoroughly. One tank was strafed and dest. in woods south of town. 3 gun positions were strafed at R-967692 - BRG.                           | 1514     |

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| Mission No. | Sqd. | A/C Dispatched | Time up | Time down | Target   | Time O/T |
|-------------|------|----------------|---------|-----------|--|----------|
| 8           | 395  | 4              | 1410    | 1541      | 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on 1445 town of Lichtenborn P-9769, claiming 2 bldgs. dest. and 4 damaged. Bombing was good. Roads NE of town were also strafed as requested.   |          |
| 9           | 395  | 4              | 1433    | 1708      | 4 A/C released 7-500# GP bombs on 1500 RR track at L-4425. Tracks were cut in two places and 2 warehouses were hit. Bombing was fair. One bomb was released on RR bridge at L-45504. Bridge was missed.  |          |
| 10          | 395  | 4              | 1545    | 1742      | During reece, 4 A/C released 1622 8-500# GP bombs on crated supplies in M/Y at Boldsdorf L-225861. All bombs fell in M/Y, cutting tracks and damaging 10 cars. Some hits were seen among crated supplies. Bombing was good. Flak guns, east of yards were strafed and dest. Town of Biskendorf was also strafed - NRO. |          |
| 11          | 395  | 4              | 1609    | 1755      | 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs 1640 on M/Y at Boldsdorf L-225861, claiming hits on tracks and 4 cars dest. Bombing was good. One tank and 1 M/T was damaged between L-086700 and L-090732.   |          |
| 12          | 395  | 4              | 1625    | 1814      | 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on 1655 supplies along RR north of Kyelburg L-187625. Good hits were observed on supplies. Flight then strafed 6 cars and supplies in M/Y. Much smoke was noted after attack on supplies.   |          |

- A. Two A/C were damaged by flak. No enemy A/C were encountered on any of the missions. A large concentration of vehicles were observed at Waxweiler P-985655. A German hospital was observed at Duppach L-1885. Enemy fire was observed to be shelling our troops at P-9949. The flak at Ottweiler L-598893 and L-0771 was heavy, weak and accurate; at L-213535 and L-185610 it was heavy, moderate and accurate. The weather on early part of missions was 5-10/10 stratus at 2500 - 4000 feet. Later it was 1-5/10 cumulus at 2-6000 feet. Visibility was generally good.

Field Order No. 206, Para. F, Mission J29-3, XIX Tactical Air Command.

- A. The 396th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 32 A/Cs (D/Bombers) on two squadron missions of 16 A/C each, 21 February 1945 to conduct armed reece over Koblenz, Limberg, Weizler, Morburg and Neuwied Areas. The primary target being an ammunition dump at L-970970. 32 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs. Squadrons took off and landed at Y-34. The data on these operations is as follows:

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| Mission No. | Sqd. | A/C Dispatched | Time up | Time down | Target   | Time O/T |
|-------------|------|----------------|---------|-----------|--|----------|
| 1           | 396  | 16             | 0939    | 1238      | <p>1 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on loco and cars at Dornheim M-544423. 5 G/Ws were dest. Target also strafed.</p> <p>1 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on loco coaches at M-496509. Loco was dest. Target was then strafed. 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on loco and 50 G/Ws at Loch M-660598. One loco was probably dest. and RR cut in one place. 5 G/Ws were dest. and 10 damaged.</p> <p>2 A/C released 4-500# GP bombs on loco at Odenboch L-930205. Loco was missed but few bldgs. were hit in this area. 2 A/C released 4-500# GP bombs on small M/T at Oberstein L-710230, scoring 2 hits on lumber shed. Sqd. then strafed and dest 1 locomotive and 5 G/Ws at M-544423. 8 coaches were dest. at M-496509. 1 M/T and one horse-drawn vehicle dest. at M-5340. Bombing in general was good.</p> | 0950     |
| 2           | 396  | 16             | 1417    | 1715      | <p>16 A/C released 32-500# GP bombs on 1530 ammunition dump at Ehrenbreit L-970970. Bombing was good with all bombs in target area. One warehouse was dest. by direct hit. Four direct hits were observed on bunkers. Sqd. then strafed and dest. 4 M/Ts on autoban at G-2201, and damaged 10 G/Ws at G-3608. Strafing and dest. 1 tank and damaged 5 others at L-6893. 4 G/Ws were strafed and damaged in M/T at M-5591. One A/C was last seen to dive into the ground at M-6650. A/C had been hit by flak and was on fire. Pilot tried to come back to base but it is believed pilot had bailed out when A/C became unsafe. Pilot was later found dead near A/C. It is believed that pilot was struck by A/C when bailing out because chute was in tact.</p>   |          |

- A. Two A/C were damaged by flak. No abortive or E/A were encountered on any of the missions. The flak at Loch M-0560 was moderate, intense and light; at L-920970 it was light, and heavy, moderate and accurate; over A/D at L-6894 it was light, intense and accurate. The weather was 5-6/13 at 2-3000 feet. Visibility was good.

Field Order No. 206, Para. C, Mission P and PW, XIX Tactical Air Command.

- A. The 397th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 4 P-47Ds (Leaflet Bombers) to drop B&W leaflet bombs over Briehendorf, Mullenborn, Speicher and Rutzborn Areas. 4 A/C carried a total of 27 leaflet bombs - (8-Front Post, 4-26-61, 4-26-75, 4-26-108, 4-26-112 and 3-PWB-44).

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- A. : Flight of 4 A/C took off from Y-34 at 0820, 21 February 1945 and proceeded on mission as briefed, arriving over enemy territory at 0830. Flight was vectored by Ripaw #3. 4 A/C released 14 leaflet bombs on town of Brichendorf L-1262, 6 leaflet bombs on town of Mullenbarn at L-2003, 7 leaflet bombs on town of Speicher L-2149. Flight of 4 A/C then left enemy territory at 0930, landing at Y-34 at 0948. No damaged, abortive or R/A were encountered. The weather was 10/10 strata cumulus at 3-4500 feet. Visibility above overcast was good.
- B. : (i) 140 P47Ds ( 4 - Leaflet Bombers - To drop leaflet bombs over designated points.)  
 (136- D/Bombers - To cooperate with Units of VIII and XII Corps with 4 A/C flights at 30 minute intervals. If no targets are given by Ground Controller, flights to conduct armed reconce over Bitburg, Eronsfeld, Blunkenheim, Borsel, Trier, Daun and Cochem Areas - Another squadron to conduct A/R over Koblenz, Limburg and Neuried Areas - To attack ammunition dump at L-970770.)
- (ii) 139 - ( 4 - Leaflet Bombers and  
 4131- D/Bombers - Attached targets - Completed Mission  
 ( 4 - D/Bombers Completed armed reconce but found no targets to bomb.  
 1 A/C-lost after making bombing attack.
- (iii) 1 - D/Bomber (c) Bombs hung up because of electrical system failure. Bombs fail to release when A/C attacked target.
- (iv) NIL  
 (v) NIL  
 (vi) 1 - A/C was hit by flak and caught fire. Pilot tried to make home base. A/C was seen to dive into ground at E-6650. But pilot is believed to have tried to bail out and evidently hit by A/C in doing so because pilot was found killed and his parachute was still intact.
- (vii) 5 - Damaged by flak, 3 Cat. A., 1 Cat. AC.  
 One damaged by falling 50 cal. expended shells, Cat. AC.
- (viii) 140
- C. : (i) 24 - 150 gallon American external belly tanks.  
 (ii) NIL
- D. : (i) 31545  
 (ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 296800 rounds 50 cal.  
 (ii) 67684  
 (iii) 2120

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F. : (i) 272 - 500# GP bombs (AN M109-instant nose, AN M101A2-1/40 tail fusing)  
 (ii) 262  
 (iii) 2  
 (iv) NIL

8 - returned to base by 4 A/C.

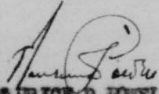
(i) 27 - R&PW Leaflet Bombs -  
 - (8-Front Post)  
 (1-2G-61)  
 (1-2G-75)  
 (1-2G-108)  
 (1-2G-112)  
 (3-PWB-44)  
 (ii) 27  
 (iii) NIL  
 (iv) NIL

G. : 1 - Pilot - KIA - Captain Meredith W. Henry, O-796688.  
 A/C was hit by flak and caught on fire. Pilot tried to return A/C to home base. When A/C became unsafe, it is thought pilot attempted to bail out and was hit by his A/C in doing so, for he was found killed and his parachute was intact. A/C was seen by other pilots to dive down in vicinity of P-6650.

G. : NIL

I. : 1. 63-0-32  
 2. 7-0-9  
 3. 3-1-0  
 4. 28-0-54  
 5. 0-0-1  
 6. 9-0-0  
 9. 62-0-7  
 10. 3-0-0  
 11. 13-0-0  
 13. 3-0-0  
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 16. 1  
 17. German Personnel 11-0-0

For the Commanding Officer:

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

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HEADQUARTERS  
368TH FIGHTER GROUPAPO 144, US ARMY,  
1 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical  
Control Unit.  
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical  
Control Section.  
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical  
Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

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Oprep A No. 359 for 24 hours ending sunset 22 February 1945.  
Field Order No. 207, Operation Clarion, Para. 3A, Mission P05-2,  
Para. 3B, Mission P05-2, Para. 3C, Mission P05-3, Para. 3D,  
Mission P05-4, Para. 3E, Mission P05-5, XIX Tactical Air Command.

A. The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 52 P47Ds (Escorts-  
and D/Bombers) on five squadron missions, 22 February 1945 to escort  
a total of 54 medium bombers of the 409th and 410th Bomber Groups  
who were attacking Railway bridges at M-268276, M-225154, M-049195,  
M-163099 and M-168014. Group to escort medium bombers to target area  
and then also attack flak positions and small bridges or dive-bomb  
RAI transportation targets of opportunity. 52 P47Ds each carried  
2x500# GP bombs. Squadrons took off and landed at Y-34. The data  
on these operations is as follows:

| Mission No. | Sqd. | A/C | Time Dispatched | Time up | Time down | Target   | Time O/T |
|-------------|------|-----|-----------------|---------|-----------|--|----------|
| 1<br>P05-1  | 395  | 12  | 1328            | 1627    |           | Sqd. R/V at 1411 over Metz with 12<br>A26s and escorted them while they<br>bombed RR bridge at Alzey M-268276.<br>Med. bombers also strafed town. Our<br>12 fighter-bombers then released 24-<br>500# GP bombs on same bridge. Joint re-<br>sults - bridge still standing, tracks cut<br>in 7 places and embankment at SE end of<br>bridge was blown away. 10-15 bombs fell<br>in town and R/V was hit - NRO. Fighter-<br>bombers destroyed 9 buildings also. Bomb-<br>ing was good. | 1435     |

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| Mission No. | Sqd. | A/C Dispatched | Time up | Time down | Target  | Time O/T |
|-------------|------|----------------|---------|-----------|---|----------|
| 2<br>FO5-2  | 395  | 12             | 1328    | 1627      | Sqd. R/V at 1411 over Metz with 12 Med. bombers of 410th B. Gp. and escorted them to target - RR bridge at N-225154. Bridge was missed. 12 P47Ds also released 24-500# GP bombs on same target. Joint results - Bridge still standing, tracks cut in 4 places south of bridge. Bridge was hit but NRO. Bombing was good. Two small locons were strafed by our fighters and dest at R-200831. A sawmill was also strafed in target area - NRO. Med. bombers also strafed target area.  | 1435     |
| 3<br>FO5-3  | 397  | 12             | 1332    | 1555      | Sqd. R/V with 12 med. bombers at 1412 over Metz. Med. bombers were from the 410 Bomb. Gp. and were escorted to target - two RR bridges at N-049195. 12 P47Ds also released 24-500# GP bombs on southern bridge. Joint results - One direct hit on center of southern bridge observed. Bridge still serviceable. Northern bridge was not hit but all bombs were evenly distributed on both bridges. Approaches to south bridge badly beaten up. Area west of RR well hit. A road bridge was also hit but still serviceable. One bomb was dropped at N-1020 - NRO. Bombing was good.      | 1445     |
| 4<br>FO5-4  | 396  | 8              | 1251    | 1552      | Sqd. R/V at 1345 over Metz with 7 med. bombers of 410th Bomb. Gp. and escorted them till med. bomb. went into overcast. Here fighters lost med. bombers. As med. bombers came out of overcast, there were many other med. bombers in same area. 8 P47Ds then proceeded on their mission and released 16-500# GP bombs on RR and supply dump at N-228363, scoring some hits on supply dump and cutting rails in one place but generally NRO.   | 1405     |
| 5           | 396  | 8              | 1251    | 1552      | Sqd. R/V at 1345 over Metz with 6 med. bombers of 409th Bomb. Gp. and escorted them to and from target area - RR bridge at N-178017. A hole was observed in middle of bridge, but still standing. Smoke prevented good observation of bombing by the med. bombers. 2 P47 then released 4-500# GP bombs on RR trestle at Q-928759 - NRO. 6 P47 released 11-500# GP bombs on RR bridge at N-168013. Results were probably good. Bridge was damaged but still standing. One bomb was dropped on road bridge believed to be at N-180008, scoring direct hit, but but bridge still standing. | 1405     |

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- A. : No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered on any of the missions. Factory at Rind 0-700742 observed to be very active. M/Y at Besbach noted to contain 200-250 G/Ws. The flak at R-2386 was light, intense and fairly accurate. The weather was generally 5-8/10 alto-cumulus between 6-12000 feet. Visibility was good.

Field Order No. 208, Para. 3A, Mission XXI-1, XIX Tactical Air Command.

- A. : 12 P-47Ds (D/Bombers) of the 396th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from Y-34 at 1640, 22 February 1945 to cooperate with Units of VIII Corps. 12 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs. Squadron of 12 A/C proceeded on mission as briefed, arriving over enemy territory at 1655. Squadron contacted Nipsaw #2 who vectored squadron to target. 3 A/C released 16-500# GP bombs on smoke marked M/Ts and tanks at Scheidchen At R-992647, claiming 2 tanks destroyed which were also strafed and 3 tanks damaged; 5 M/Ts were destroyed, one house destroyed and road cut in one place. Bombing was very good. 4 A/C strafed and released 8-500# GP bombs on tanks and M/Ts at Holzchen at R-902652, claiming 3 armored cars destroyed, one tank and 5 M/Ts destroyed. 10 M/Ts were damaged. Bombing was very good. Squadron of 12 A/C then left enemy territory at 1750, landing at Y-34 at 1812. No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. The weather was CAVU.
- B. : (i) 64 P-47Ds (52 - D/Bombers and Escorts to Medium bombers of 409th and 410th Bomber Groups, attacking RR bridges at M-268276, M-225154, M-049195, M-163009 and M-168014 - Our Fighter Bombers to attack flak positions and small RR bridges)  
(12 - D/Bombers - To cooperate with Units of VIII Corps)
- (ii) 64 - 12-D/Bombers - Attacked targets - Completed Missions.  
52-D/Bombers - Escorted medium bombers, dive-bombed targets - Completed mission.
- (iii) NIL  
(iv) NIL  
(v) NIL  
(vi) NIL  
(vii) NIL  
(viii) 64
- C. : (i) 64 - 150 gallon American external belly tanks.  
(ii) 14
- D. : (i) 171:30  
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 135680 rounds 50 cal.  
(ii) 15523  
(iii) NIL

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F. : (i) 128 - 500# CB bombs (AN M103-1/10 nose, AN M101A2-1/40  
tail fusing)  
(ii) 127  
(iii) 1  
(iv) NIL

G. : NIL

H. : NIL

I. : 1. 10-0-10  
2. 6-0-3  
3. 2-0-0  
5. 0-0-6  
9. 1-0-0  
10. 1-0-0  
11. 12-0-0  
12. 1

For the Commanding Officer:

*Laurice D. Towell*  
LAURICE D. TOWELL  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Ass't. Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS  
368TH FIGHTER GROUPMPO ML, US Army,  
2 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34 A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical  
Control Unit.  
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical  
Control Section.  
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical  
Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

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Oprep A No. 360 for 24 hours ending sunset 23 February 1945.  
Field Order No. 209, Para. 3H, Mission ATH-1, XIX Tactical  
Air Command.A. : The 397th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group  
dispatched a total of 53 A/Cs (D/Bombers) on a total of  
thirteen missions, 23 February 1945 to cooperate with units  
of the VIII Corps with 4 A/C flights at 30' intervals.  
53 A/C each carried 2x500 GP bombs. Flights took off and landed  
at 1-34. The data on these operations is as follows:

| Mission No. | Sgd. | A/C Dispatched | Time up | Time down | Target   | Time O/T |
|-------------|------|----------------|---------|-----------|--|----------|
| 1           | 397  | 4              | 0858    | 1046      | Flight contacted Lamhood who sent flight to town of Sinspelt R-98535. 4 A/C released 8-500 GP bombs here, claiming 10 bldgs. dest. and 1 barn damaged. Bombing was good. Flight then strafed targets making following claims: 2 M/Ts damaged at Sinspelt; 1 Tiger tank dest. at R-976533; 1 M/T damaged at R-981590; 3 M/Ts dest. at R-979565; 1 staff car dest. at R-991561; one motorcycle dest. at R-99-545; one self-propelled gun damaged at L-001583; one half truck dest. at L-029691. Vehicles were strafed in woods at L-020615 - NBC. One bldg. and 3 M/Ts damaged at L-001620. One car dest. at L-001590 and 1 M/T and one wagon dest. at L-011589. | 0925     |



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| Mission No. | Sqd. | A/C Dispatched | Time up | Time down | Target   | Time O/T |
|-------------|------|----------------|---------|-----------|--|----------|
| 2           | 397  | 4              | 0929    | 1113      | 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on M/Ts and tanks near Waxweiler L-015660, claiming 4 tanks dest., 2 halftracks dest. and three half-tracks damaged. Bombing was excellent. Flight then strafed and dest. 1 tank and damaged 10 others at L-015660. 2 halftracks were dest., 5 damaged and a large armored vehicle dest. at L-0962; 3 tanks dest., 4 tanks damaged, 4 halftracks dest., 3 halftracks damaged and 3 German personnel killed at L-0962.   | 1026     |
| 3           | 397  | 4              | 1018    | 1206      | 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on 1045 vehicles and tanks at L-0962. One tank was damaged and one log cabin dest. Bombing was fair. Flight then strafed targets at Hlions L-0902 claiming 7 M/Ts dest. and 1 damaged, 2 tanks dest. and 1 damaged, one oil filled house dest. and one house damaged and wagon dest.  |          |
| 4           | 397  | 4              | 1053    | 1241      | 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on 1110 4-6 M/Ts at L-0962. Bombing was poor. Flight then strafed targets in 3 mile radius at L-0962 claiming 1 tank damaged, 11 halftracks dest. and 10 halftracks damaged.  |          |
| 5           | 397  | 4              | 1137    | 1327      | 2 A/C released 4-500# GP bombs on 1230 2 tanks on highway at L-0666. Bombing was poor, target missed. One A/C released 2-500# GP bombs on M/Ts and tanks at Flutscheid L-063662 claiming 2 M/Ts dest. and 1 tank damaged. One A/C released 2-500# GP bombs on bldgs. in town claiming 2 bldgs. dest. Bombing very good. Flight then strafed and dest. 4 M/Ts and damaged 1 halftrack at L-0666. The following targets were strafed in woods at L-060645: 1 tank dest., one halftrack damaged, 2 M/Ts dest., 1 mobile gun damaged, 1 M/T dest. and 1 damaged, one halftrack dest. |          |
| 6           | 397  | 4              | 1211    | 1359      | 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on 1240 vehicles in town of Hillips at L-035622. Bombs were well concentrated in town. Some bldgs. were dest. rest HRC. Flight then strafed area of 4 mile radius of L-0462, claiming 1 M/T dest. 1 trailer dest, 3 tanks dest, 2 tanks damaged, 1 horse-drawn wagon dest and 12 assorted vehicles also dest.   |          |
| 7           | 397  | 4              | 1259    | 1446      | 2 A/C released 4-500# GP bombs in 1310 woods containing M/Ts and tanks at Lembirburg L-040667, claiming 1 tank and 1 M/T damaged. 2 A/C released 4-500# GP bombs on two tanks at L-065632, damaging 2 tanks. These tanks were also strafed. Bombing in general was fair. Flight then strafed targets in area of L-035615 in vicinity of Hillips -  |          |

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| 7           | 397  | 4              | 1259    | 1446      | <p>Following claims were made: -<br/>6 tanks damaged; 2 horse-drawn vehicles dest.; 2 M/T dest.; 2 tanks dest. and 1 tank damaged; 1 M/T damaged; 2 M/Ts dest. The following strafing claims were made in vicinity of L-064635:<br/>1 tank damaged, 3 M/Ts dest., 1 half-track dest and 2 M/Ts damaged.<br/>Following strafing claims were made in vicinity of Heilenback L-080690:<br/>2 tanks dest., 2 halftracks and 6 M/Ts dest., 1 command car dest., one horse-drawn artillery vehicle damaged, 4 tanks at L-0360 were strafed and further damaged.</p> |          |
| 8           | 397  | 4              | 1330    | 1514      | <p>2 A/C released 4-500# GP bombs on 1355 targets at L-023665, claiming 1 tank dest., 1 half track dest., 1 M/T dest. and road cut. 2 A/C released 4-500# GP bombs on supply depot and billets at L-052688, claiming 5 billets dest. and supply depot damaged. Bombing was good. Flight then strafed targets in 5 mile radius at L-0567, claiming 8 tanks dest., 3 tanks damaged, 24 armored vehicles dest and 9 damaged, 3 trailers dest. and 1 artillery gun damaged.</p>   |          |
| 9           | 397  | 4              | 1422    | 1555      | <p>4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on 1435 M/T concentration at Ischeid L-0669, claiming 15 M/T dest. and 6 field pieces dest. Bombing was very good. Flight then strafed M/Ts in same area, claiming 30 M/Ts dest. and 1 jeep dest. 5 M/Ts were dest. at L-1166 by strafing.</p>  |          |
| 10          | 397  | 4              | 1452    | 1637      | <p>One A/C released 2-500# GP bombs on 1525 tank and halftrack concentration at L-1572. Bombing was good with 3 tanks dest. and 2 damaged, 2 halftracks dest. and 3 damaged. 3 A/C released 6-500# GP bombs at P-9759, destroying 1 tank and damaging 2 others. Flight then strafed and dest. 3 horse-drawn vehicles and damaged 3 horse-drawn guns and damaged 3 tanks at P-9759.</p>  |          |
| 11          | 397  | 4              | 1528    | 1720      | <p>1 A/C released 2-500# GP bombs on 1605 M/Ts at L-033671, claiming 2 M/Ts dest. 1 A/C released 2-500# GP bombs on gun position at L-06160 - NRC. 2 A/C released 4-500# GP bombs on targets at Ischeid L-052688, claiming 2 bldgs. dest. and 1 light tank damaged. Flight then strafed targets in Heilenback Area L-0864 claiming 15 M/Ts dest., 1 van dest., 4 tanks and 1 house dest. and damaging 20 M/Ts and 3 tanks and 2 anti-tank guns.</p>   |          |

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|-------------|------|----------------|---------|-----------|--|----------|
| 12          | 397  | 4              | 1601    | 1745      | 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on 1635 targets at Schworin P-9860, claiming 3 blags. dest. and left burning. Flight then strafed woods at Neuerberg P-967582, destroying 14 M/Ts and damaging 6 others.  |          |
| 13          | 397  | 5              | 1645    | 1812      | One A/C released 2-500# GP bombs on 1705 2 M/Ts at L-061701 - HRO. 3 A/C released 6-500# GP bombs on troop concentration and vehicles at L-080660 HRO. Bombing believed to be fair. One A/C released 2-500# GP bombs on one tank at L-083679. Tank was damaged. Bombing in general fair. Flight then strafed and dest. 29 M/Ts and damaged 8 M/Ts and 5 tanks at Feuerscheid - L-083679. |          |

- A. : 4 A/C were damaged by flak and one from debris from explosion. No abortive or E/A were encountered on any of the missions. Files of material were observed to be stored at L-0664. Approximately 25 halftracks, tanks and armored cars and self propelled guns were noted on road between L-035618 and L-071625. Much military activity was observed around hospital at Lese L-0970. Friendly troops were observed in town of Maschid P-967561 which was in flames. Our troops were also noted to be in towns of Neuerberg and Aitscheworn P-9860. The flak at Pittsburg L-1354 and L-0859 was heavy, moderate and accurate; at Lascheid L-0669 it was light, moderate and accurate; at L-0860 and P-9758 it was heavy, weak and very accurate. The weather was CAVU on early part of the day. Later it was 10/10 cirrus at 12-15000 feet. Visibility was good.

Field Order No. 209, Para. I, Mission GEF-1, XIX Tactical Air Command.

- A. : The 396th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 36 P-47Ds (D/Bombers) on nine squadron missions of 4 A/C each, 23 February 1945 to cooperate with Units of XII Corps with 4 A/C flights at 30 minute intervals. 36 A/C each carried 2-500# GP bombs. Flights took off and landed at V-34. The data on these operations is as follows:

| Mission No. | Sqd. | A/C Dispatched | Time up | Time down | Target   | Time O/T |
|-------------|------|----------------|---------|-----------|--|----------|
| 1           | 396  | 4              | 0916    | 1107      | 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on town of Niehl L-015515. 2 houses were dest. Bombing was fair. Flight then strafed and dest. 1 M/T and damaged 5 others at Brunengen L-103544. An ammunition dump was hit and sent to smoke at L-005546. Flight then strafed area around Niehl and south of Niehl L-015500. | 0925     |

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| Mission No. | Sqd. | A/C Dispatched | Time up | Time down | Target  | Time O/T |
|-------------|------|----------------|---------|-----------|---|----------|
| 2           | 396  | 4              | 1001    | 1204      | 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on GP in town of Burg L-008520. Target was marked by smoke and well hit. Flight then strafed bldgs. in north end of town - NRO.  | 1815     |
| 3           | 396  | 4              | 1141    | 1334      | 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on 1156 tanks at Burbach L-127682, scoring 6 direct hits, destroying 5 tanks. Bombing was excellent. Flight then strafed streets of Burbach at L-1368. 2 horse-drawn vehicles were dest. at L-1288, 3 M/Ts dest at L-1670; 2 M/Ts and one armored vehicle dest. at L-078665. 5 M/Ts dest at L-0467; 5 M/Ts dest. at L-075657 and 2 M/Ts damaged at L-062673. |          |
| 4           | 396  | 4              | 1257    | 1441      | 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on 1315 large white bldg. in town of Senspelt R-986596. 3 other bldgs. were also damaged. Bombing was fair. Flight then strafed and dest. 2 halftracks and damaged one at L-0960. One tank was dest. at L-78866.   |          |
| 5           | 396  | 4              | 1314    | 1458      | 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on 1330 camouflaged M/Ts at Neicher - L-075600, claiming 13 M/Ts dest. and town damaged. Bombing was excellent. Flight then strafed another concentration of M/Ts at L-1360. One tank was dest. and 11 halftracks damaged.   |          |
| 6           | 396  | 4              | 1439    | 1604      | 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on 1445 gun position in town of Feurscheid L-085678. Target was missed. Bombing was poor. One A/C failed to return. A/C was seen burning after making its bomb-run, at L-087699. Pilot bailed out.   |          |
| 7           | 396  | 4              | 1526    | 1714      | 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs in 1540 woods on concentration of vehicles. All bombs fell in woods - NRO. Fuel dump in house was hit and seen to explode at L-081551. Flight also strafed and bombed 3 tanks (dest.) and dest. 7 M/Ts and damaged 2 others, one heavy gun (88mm) dest. in target area.  |          |
| 8           | 396  | 4              | 1546    | 1742      | 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on 1600 30 tanks and M/Ts on road west of Mualerbach L-185732, damaging 5 tanks and 5 M/Ts. Bombing was fair.  |          |
| 9           | 396  | 4              | 1633    | 1748      | 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs in 1645 east of Mualerbach L-185732. Results were unobserved but believed to be good.  |          |

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- A. : Four A/C were damaged by flak. No abortive or E/A were encountered on any of the missions. Ten enemy ambulances were observed in town of Neuhellinbach L-1669. 40 undamaged RR cars were seen at L-192715. Large concentration of M/Ts and material were observed at L-1360. The flak at north of Bitburg was heavy, moderate and accurate; at L-0955 it was light, heavy, and accurate. The weather was CAVU.

Field Order No. 209, Para. K, Mission P and Pw, XIX Tactical Air Command.

- A. : 4 B7Ds of the 396th Fighter Squadron, of the 368th Fighter Group took off from Y-34 at 1003, 23 February 1945 to drop leaflet bombs over Niederzorf, Franzheim and Trier Areas. 4 A/C carried a total of 28 leaflet bombs - (8-Front Post, 4-ZG-61, 4-ZG-75, 4-ZG-108, 4-ZG-112 and 4-ZG-97). One leaflet bomb fell off A/C when taking off for mission. Flight of 4 A/C proceeded on mission as briefed, arriving over enemy territory at 1015. 7 leaflet bombs were dropped over Niederzorf L-2412 (one of these bombs failed to open), 6 leaflet bombs over Franzheim L-2421 and 14 leaflet bombs over Trier L-2129. Flight then strafed barrack type building at L-2404 - NRO. Flight of 4 A/C left enemy territory at 1140, landing at Y-34 at 1205. No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. One MS 109 was seen bellied in with ambulance approaching at L-238115. 20 goods wagons standing still were seen near Hentern L-250132. The weather was CAVU.

- A. : Field Order No. 209, Para. J, Mission J29-A, XIX Tactical Air Command.

The 395th Fighter Squadron, of the 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 32 B7Ds (D/Bombers) in two squadron missions of 16 A/C each, 23 February 1945 to attack fuel dump at Mannheim R-569925. After completion of bombing, squadrons to conduct armed recon over Mannheim, Kastel, Diez and Koblenz Areas. 32 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs. Squadrons took off and landed at Y-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             | 1037    | 1253      | 12 A/C released 32-500# GP bombs on Fuel dump at R-569925. Hits were observed in warehouse, coal piles and in vicinity of installations, SE of target. Bombing was good. Sqd. then flew armed recon and strafed and damaged 3 locos in M/T at Albig L-2031. One loco was damaged in M/T at Bitville L-2858. One loco was damaged in vicinity of Bappard - L-9080. | 1110     |

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| Mission No. | Sqd. | A/C Dispatched | Time UP | Time Down | Target  | Time O/T |
|-------------|------|----------------|---------|-----------|---|----------|
| 2           | 395  | 16             | 1431    | 1650      | 16 A/C released 32-500/ GP bombs on primary target - fuel dump at Mannheim R-55915. 12 direct hits were observed. 4 oil tanks were dest, 4 bldg. dest. Bombing was excellent. Sqd. then strafed and dest. 1 loco at R-599837, 60 heavy M/T on flat cars were all dest. and 10 G/Ws dest. between R-580827 and R-599837. Cars were noted to be burning and much explosions observed. Many boxes besides RR were strafed, but did not burn. One barge was damaged at R-5479. As one flight was going down to strafe, sqd. was bounced by 25 plus FW 190s and 5 ME 109s at M-2755. E/A appeared to be aggressive. During encounter which followed, 2 FW 190s and 1 ME 109 were dest. one FW 190 probably dest. and one FW 190 damaged. One of our A/C was seen burning and failed to return from encounter. One A/C belly landed at A-94 due to damage inflicted by flak. Pilot was not injured. | 1510     |

A. 3 A/C were damaged during encounter with E/A and 1 by flak and belly landing. No abortive A/C were encountered on the missions. Long stacks of boxes (supplies) were noted along RR tracks in woods at R-580828. M/T at Mannheim R-5596 to R-6094 was noted to contain 50-75 G/Ws. Train tunnel was observed at M-0993. The flak at M-2151 from train in M/T was heavy, moderate and accurate. The weather was 2-3/10 at 15000 feet. Visibility was poor.

B. (i) 125 H470a (4 - Leaflet Bombers - To drop leaflet bombs over designated areas)  
 (29- D/Bombers - To cooperate with Units of VIII and XII Corps with 4 A/C flights at 30 minute intervals)  
 (32- D/Bombers - To attack fuel dump at Mannheim R-569925 and conduct armed recon over Mannheim, Diez and Rastle Areas)

(ii) 125 - (4 - Leaflet Bombers and  
 (121- D/Bombers - Attacked targets)  
 2 A/C MIA had completed their bombing attack

(iii) NIL

(iv) NIL

(v) NIL

(vi) 2 - D/Bombers 1-(H47D 28 H4-19934) A/C failed to return after encounter with E/A at M-2755. A/C was hit by enemy A/C and was seen burning and last seen in vicinity of M-2050.

1-(H47D 28 H4-20279) A/C started burning after making its bomb-run (cause unknown). Pilot bailed out and landed in vicinity of L-087699.

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- B. : (vii) 13 - 7-Damaged by flak, Cat. A.  
 1-Damaged by flak, Cat. AC.  
 2-Damaged by enemy A/C, Cat. A.  
 1-Damaged by enemy A/C, Cat. AC.  
 1-Damaged by flak and belly landing, Cat. E.  
 1-Damaged by flying debris, Cat. AC.
- (viii) 125
- C. : (i) 125 - 150 gallon American external belly tanks.  
 (ii) 16
- D. : (i) 255\*45  
 (ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 265000 rounds 50 cal.  
 (ii) 135097  
 (iii) 4240
- F. : (i) 242 - 500# GP bombs (AN M103-instant nose, AN M101A2-1/40 tail fusing)  
 (ii) 242  
 (iii) NIL  
 (iv) NIL
- (i) 28 - M2W Leaflet Bombs -  
 (8-Front Post)  
 (M-2G-61)  
 (M-2G-75)  
 (M-2G-108)  
 (M-2G-112)  
 (M-2G-97)
- (ii) 26  
 (iii) NIL  
 (iv) NIL
- 1-Fell off as A/C became airborne on mission  
 1-Bomb didnot open after dropping at target.
- G. : 2 - Pilots MIA - 1-Captain Virgil Mariaga, O-404093  
 last seen during encounter with enemy aircraft.  
 His A/C had been shot up by a FW 190 and then was seen  
 going down on fire at 3000 feet in vicinity of M-2050.  
 No other information is available.
- 1 - 2nd Lt Richard T. Schindling, O-766717 - A/C started  
 burning after its bomb-run (cause unknown), Pilot  
 bailed out and landed in vicinity of L-087693.

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H. In the Air 3-1-1

- (i) 1-FW 190 - 1st Lt. Dale Jewkes, 395th Fighter Squadron.
- 1-FW 190 - 2nd Lt. Robert Dicks, 395th Fighter Squadron.
- 1-ME 109 - 2nd Lt. Robert Dicks, 395th Fighter Squadron.
- (ii) 1-FW 190 - 2nd Lt. Alfred Anderson, 395th Fighter Squadron.
- (iii) 1-FW 190 - 1st Lt. Hugh P. Matthews, 395th Fighter Squadron.
- (iv) 25 plus FW 190s  
5 ME 109s

- I. 1. 259-0-65
- 2. 110-0-107
- 3. 1-0-5
- 4. 70-0-0
- 5. 10-0-5
- 6. 4-0-0
- 7. 4-0-0
- 8. 32-0-6
- 9. 1-0-0
- 10. 0-0-1
- 11. 7-0-1
- 12. 2
- 13. 2
- 14. 2
- 15. 2
- 16. 2
- 17. German Personnel 3-0-0

For the Commanding Officer:

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

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HEADQUARTERS  
368TH FIGHTER GROUPAFO 141, U. S. Army,  
2 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit.  
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Rear, Attention Statistical Control Section.  
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : SECRET

Oprep A No. 361 for 24 hours ending sunset 24 February 1945.  
Field Order No. V006, XIX Tactical Air Command.

A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched 2 P47Ds of the 397th Fighter Squadron on a weather recce in area of Prum River, Koblenz and Trier. 2 P47Ds took off from Y34 at 1122 on 24 February 1945 and proceeded on mission as briefed. They crossed into enemy territory at 1158 and proceeded along bomb line up to F0505, then east to Koblenz, then flew southwest to target area and back to home base. The 2 A/C made weather observations all along their route. 2 A/C left enemy territory at 1230, landing at Y34 at 1245. No abortives, damages, or enemy aircraft encountered on the mission. A V2 was seen going straight up about 30 miles east of Koblenz. The weather over target area was 4 to 5/10 breaking up. Base at 3500 feet visibility was good.

B. : (i) 2 P47Ds (Weather Recce over enemy territory and target area).  
(ii) 2 P47Ds completed mission.  
(iii) Nil  
(iv) Nil  
(v) Nil  
(vi) Nil  
(vii) Nil  
(viii) 2

C. : Nil

D. : (i) 3:00  
(ii) Nil.

E. : (i) 4240 rds .50 cal.  
(ii) Nil.  
(iii) Nil.

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 G. : Nil  
 H. : Nil  
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Field Order No. 210, para 3H, Mission YMW-1, XIX Tactical Air Command.

A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 32 P47Ds (D/B) of the 397th Fighter Squadron on a total of 8 Squadron missions of 4 A/C each, 24 February 1945, to cooperate with units of the VIII Corps. 32 A/C each carried 2 x 500# GP (comp B) bombs. Flights took off and landed at Y34. The data on these operations is as follows:

| Mission No. | Sqd | A/C Disp. | Time up | Time down | Target   | TOT  |
|-------------|-----|-----------|---------|-----------|--|------|
| 1           | 397 | 4         | 1220    | 1419      | 2 A/C released 3-500# GP (Comp B) bombs on 2 small tanks at L-0261. Bombing was fair with all as near misses. 2 tanks were damaged. 2 A/C released 4-500# GP (Comp B) bombs on 2 M/T (both damaged) at L-0960. Bombing was fair. 1 500# GP (Comp B) fell in woods at L021623 NRO. 8 assorted M/Ts were strafed and damaged at L-0261. The flight strafed and destroyed 1 halftrack, 5 M/Ts, 1 tank and damaged 1 M/T and 1 tank at L-0960. | 1245 |
| 2           | 397 | 4         | 1250    | 1428      | 4 A/C released 8-500# GP (Comp B) bombs on convoy of 4 tanks, field pieces and M/Ts at L-0871. Bombing was good with 2 tanks destroyed and the road cut. Target was also strafed with 2 halftracks, 5 M/Ts destroyed and 3 M/Ts and 6 field guns damaged.  | 1355 |
| 3           | 397 | 4         | 1315    | 1508      | 4 A/C released 7-500# GP (Comp B) bombs on 8 to 10 tanks at Murlerbach at L-1973. Bombing was excellent with 2 tanks destroyed and 4 tanks damaged. 1-500# GP bomb was dropped just east of target NRO. Flight also strafed, destroyed 1 M/T and damaged 7 M/Ts, destroyed 1 armored vehicle at L-1361, Bickendorf.  | 1355 |

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|-------------|------|-----------|---------|-----------|---|------|
| 4           | 397  | 4         | 1352    | 1547      | 3 A/C released 6-500# GP (comp B) bombs on tanks on road south of town of Schonecken. Bombing was excellent with 3 bldgs, 1 tank destroyed and 3 tanks damaged. 1 A/C released 2 500# GP (Comp B) bombs on suspected supply dump in woods at L-0772, MRO. Area around L-0773 was strafed with 1 tank damaged, 1 gas truck, 5 M/Ts, 1 field gun destroyed and 3 M/Ts damaged.  | 1420 |
| 5           | 397  | 4         | 1501    | 1653      | No tanks were found at L-1573 as 1600 directed by controller. 2 A/C released 4 500# GP (Comp B) bombs on 75 Gws at L-1943, south of Hosten. Bombing was poor, all missed. 2 A/C released 4 500# GP (Comp B) bombs on 2 houses in woods at L-2365, MRO. The 75 Gws at Holsten were strafed and damaged. Trenches at L-1645 were also strafed, MRO.   |      |
| 6           | 397  | 4         | 1533    | 1731      | 2 A/C released 4 500# GP (Comp B) bombs on bldgs in Lascheld at L-0569. Bombing was good with 1 large bldg and 4 small bldgs destroyed. Target was also strafed, damaging 1 tank. 2 A/C released 4 500# GP (Comp B) bombs on vehicles and tanks at L-0773. Bombing was good with 1 tank destroyed and 1 tank and 2 halftracks damaged. Road also cut. Flight also strafed fox holes, no claims, and tanks and M/Ts at L-095690. 1 tank and M/T damaged. | 1635 |
| 7           | 397  | 4         | 1602    | 1804      | No enemy movement was found at L-1368. 1 A/C released 2-500# GP (Comp B) bombs on enemy command post at L-035700. Bombing was excellent as CP was destroyed. 2 A/C released 4-500# GP (Comp B) bombs on tank on road at L-068663. Bombing was excellent as tank was destroyed and knocked off road. Tank was strafed. 1 A/C released 2-500# GP (Comp B) bombs on 15 MTs at Leissen, L-111059. Bombing was fair with 3 M/Ts damaged and road cut.        | 1650 |

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| 8           | 397 | 4         | 1636    | 1800      | 4 A/C released 8-500# GP (Comp B) bombs on 15 to 20 M/Ts at L-106585. Bombing was good with 4 M/Ts destroyed and 6 M/Ts damaged. 3 M/Ts were damaged by strafing. | 1715 |

No abortive or E/A encountered on any of these missions. 2 A/C were damaged by flak. The flak at L095570 and L095605 was intense, accurate and light; at L1273 the flak was intense, accurate and light; at L2181 weak, accurate and light; at L2062 it was medium, very accurate and heavy; and at L076585, it was weak, very accurate and light. 4 to 5 tanks were observed at L-0871 to L0868, scattered. 6 M/Ts noted in woods at L1362. The weather was generally 4 to 6/10 from 3000 feet to 5000 feet with some scud at 7000 feet and haze later in the day. The visibility was good.

Field Order No 210, para 8I, Mission ATF-1, XIX Tactical Air Comd.

A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 28 P47Ds (D/B) of the 396th Fighter Squadron on a total of 7 squadron missions of 4 A/C each, 24 February 1945, to cooperate with units of the XII Corps. 28 A/C each carried 2 x 500# GP (Comp B) bombs. Flights took off and landed at Y-34. The data on these missions is as follows:

| Mission No. | Sqd. | A/C Disp. | Time Up | Time Down | Target  | TOT  |
|-------------|------|-----------|---------|-----------|---|------|
| 1           | 396  | 4         | 1219    | 1417      | 2 A/C released 4-500# GP (Comp B) bombs on 8 M/Ts at L103758. Bombing was excellent with all 8 M/Ts destroyed by 2 direct hits. 2 A/C released 4-500# GO (Comp B) bombs on 3 halftracks at L120698. Bombing was poor, no claims. 2 M/Ts and 1 tank damaged by strafing at L110695, 1 tank damaged by strafing at L115732, 4 M/Ts strafed and destroyed at L1075. 3 halftracks destroyed by strafing at L120698 and 1 half track destroyed by strafing at L140696. | 1239 |
| 2           | 396  | 4         | 1248    | 1443      | 4 A/C released 8-500# GP (Comp B) bombs on command post at Brecht, L-0754. Bombing was good with at least 2 bldgs left burning. All bombs into town and west of river. Flight strafed and destroyed 8 M/Ts and 2 large vehicles at Schlied, L1163. 3 M/Ts were destroyed by strafing at L-1762.   | 1305 |

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| Mission No. | Sqd | A/C Disp. | Time Up | Time Down | Target  | TOT  |
|-------------|-----|-----------|---------|-----------|---|------|
| 3           | 396 | 4         | 1319    | 1540      | 4 A/C released 8-500# GP (Comp B) bombs on tanks and M/Ts at Nattenheim L-137587. Bombing was good with 1 tank and 1 M/T destroyed. Flight strafed a large van and destroyed it at L-1958, also strafed and destroyed 1 M/T at L-1857.  | 1335 |
| 4           | 396 | 4         | 1453    | 1624      | 4 A/C released 8-500# GP (Comp B) bombs on tanks and bldgs in Outscheid, L-0156. Bombing was excellent with 4 tanks and 6 bldgs destroyed. The flight strafed 40 G/Ws, damaging 8, at Murlerbach, also strafed 20 G/Ws, damaging 10 at L-1969   | 1509 |
| 5           | 396 | 4         | 1517    | 1720      | 2 A/C released 4-500# GP (Comp B) bombs on 3 M/Ts at Feubrfcheid, L085-679. Bombing was poor, 1 bldg was destroyed. 2 A/C released 4-500# GP (Comp B) bombs on a tank and M/T at L-0769. Bombing was poor, only damaging the M/T. The flight strafed and destroyed 2 M/Ts at L-0969, strafed and destroyed 7 horse drawn vehicles at L-0872, strafed and destroyed 2 gasoline trucks at L080667 strafed and damaged 1 armored car and 1 tank at L-0665 and strafed and damaged one tank and 2 M/Ts at L0468. One of our A/C was hit by flak, and the pilot bailed in at P-912442 (friendly terr.) Pilot has returned to squadron and was not injured. | 1535 |
| 6           | 396 | 4         | 1612    | 1809      | A/C made recce of area south of Bitburg. 2 A/C released 3-500# GP (Comp B) bombs on M/Ts and halftracks at L098734. Bombing was excellent with one halftrack and one M/T destroyed. 2 A/C released 4-500# GP (Comp B) bombs on 1 M/T at L1251. Bombing was poor with no hits made. 1 M/T damaged by strafing. 1 M/T was strafed and destroyed at L1052.   | 1620 |
| 7           | 396 | 4         | 1644    | 1808      | 4 A/C released 8-500# GP (Comp B) bombs on 4 tanks in Mulback, L045530. Bombing was excellent with 4 tanks claimed as destroyed.  | 1700 |

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One A/C was damaged by flak and forced belly landing in friendly territory. No abortive or E/A encountered on any of these missions. The flak at L-1973 was intense, fairly accurate and light; at L082688 it was weak, accurate and light. Murlerbach observed to be well defended for a 2 mile radius. The weather was 2/10 to 5/10 from 4000 to 5000 feet. Visibility was good. Later in the afternoon it was CAVU.

Field Order No 210, para 3J, Mission J29-4, XIX Tactical Air Command.

A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched 32 P47Ds (D/B) from the 395th Fighter Squadron, 24 February 1945, to carry out low level attacks against Salmrohr rail bridge at L361476, and after completion of bombing, the squadron to conduct an armed recon in the area of Wittlich, Daun, Andernach, Koblenz, and Trier. 32 A/C carried each 2x500# GP (Comp B) bombs. Both missions took off and landed at Y-34. The data on these missions is as follows:

| Mission No. | Sqd. | A/C Disp. | Time Up | Time Down | Target   | TOT  |
|-------------|------|-----------|---------|-----------|--|------|
| 1           | 395  | 16        | 1305    | 1506      | 2 A/C aborted on mission, one because guns wouldn't fire, the other because of flak damage. 14 A/C released 28 500# GP (Comp B) bombs on RR bridge at L-361476 at Salmrohr. Bombing was fair with tracks cut in three places, one hit on edge of the bridge. All bombs fell in good pattern around bridge. Bridge still standing. Squadron conducted A/R to Andernach. Uneventful due to 16/10 overcast. | 1325 |
| 2           | 395  | 16        | 1619    | 1753      | 16 A/C released 32-500# GP (Comp B) bombs on Salmrohr railroad bridge at L-361476. Bombing was good. 3 direct hits were observed on bridge. Smoke hindered accurate assessment of bombing. Bridge still standing. Tracks were cut in 2 places. One house near bridge was destroyed. Squadron then made A/R to Mayen, with nothing observed.  | 1655 |

One A/C damaged by flak. No enemy aircraft were encountered on any of the missions. The flak at L-364478 was intense, inaccurate, and light; at L3648 it was intense, inaccurate and light. The weather over the target was 3 to 5/10, 2500 feet to 4500 feet with some haze.

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- B. : (i) 92 P47Ds (D/B) 1 squadron to cooperate with units of the VIII Corps.  
1 squadron to cooperate with units of the XII Corps.  
1 squadron to dive-bomb Salmrohr rail-bridge at L-361476 and conduct armed recce over areas of Wittlich, Daun, Andernach, Koblenz, and Trier.
- (ii) 90 (D/B) attacked targets and completed missions.  
(iii) 2 (D/B) (c) 1 - Gun failure, guns wouldn't fire.  
(d) 1 - Flak damage to A/C, caused pilot to return.
- (iv) Nil  
(v) Nil  
(vi) Nil  
(vii) 4 Damaged by flak, 1 Cat "A", 2 Cat. "AC"  
Damaged by flak and forced belly landing 1, Cat "B".  
(viii) 92
- C. : (i) 92 150 gal Americal type external belly tanks.  
(ii) 1
- D. : (i) 176:15  
(ii) Nil
- E. : (i) 195040 rds. .50 cal.  
(ii) Nil. 40/77  
(iii) Nil
- F. : (i) 184-500# GP (Comp B) bombs (64 AnM103, 1/10 nose and AnM101A2, 1/40 tail fusing)  
(120 AnM103, inst. nose and AnM101A2, 1/40 tail fusing)
- (ii) 179  
(iii) 4 by abortive A/C.  
(iv) Nil (1 fell off A/C while over enemy territory)
- G. : Nil
- H. : Nil
- I. : 1. 55-0-43                      6. 1-0-6  
2. 26-0-21                      9. 16-0-2  
3. 0-0-93                        10. 3-0-0  
5. 0-0-1                         11. 5-0-0  
   13. 7-0-0

For the Commanding Officer:

*Maurice D. Powell*  
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HEADQUARTERS  
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

I

APO 141, U. S. Army,  
3 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A. Report. USAAF Form 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit.  
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Rear, Attention Statistical Control Section.  
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing, Statistical Control Section.

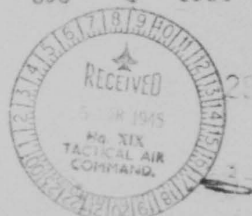
FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : S E C R E T

Oprep A No 362 for 24 hours ending sunset 25 February 1945.  
Field Order No. 211, Para 3D, Mission FTA-1, XIX Tactical Air Command.

A. : The 396th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 36 P47Ds (D/B) on eight squadron missions, 25 February 1945, to cooperate with units of the VIII Corps, with 4 aircraft flights at 30 minute intervals. 36 A/C each carried 2 x 500# GP (Comp B) bombs. Squadrons took off and landed at Y-34. The data on these missions is as follows:

| Mission No. | Sqd | A/C Disp. | Time Up. | Time Down | Target   | TOT  |
|-------------|-----|-----------|----------|-----------|--|------|
| 1           | 396 | 4         | 0910     | 1122      | 3 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on 2 tanks (dest) at Liessen L-1059. One A/C released 2-500# GP bombs on bldgs at Eblenz, L-1061. 4 Bldgs were destroyed and 3 barracks damaged. Bombing was excellent. Flight then strafed and destroyed 2 tanks, 3 M/Ts and damaged 2 tanks and 2 M/Ts, at Eblenz, L-1061. Two command cars 1 halftrack, 1 M/Ts were destroyed and 1 M/T damaged at Liessen L-1059. | 0930 |
| 2           | 396 | 4         | 0934     | 1230      | 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on supply dump south of Hillesheim, L-2387. Bombing results were good. Much smoke rose from attack on target. 2 M/Ts were also destroyed in target area.  | 1015 |



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| Mission No. | Sqd | A/C Disp. | Time Up | Time Down | Target   | TOT  |
|-------------|-----|-----------|---------|-----------|--|------|
| 3           | 396 | 4         | 1002    | 1143      | 3 A/C released 6-500# GP bombs on 10-12 M/Ts at Schlerd, L-1163, claiming 3 M/Ts and 4 bldgs destroyed. Bombing was very good. Flight also strafed town. 1 A/C was hit by flak and aborted. It dropped 2-500# GP bombs armed at unknown point in enemy territory. A/C then belly landed at L-083291.   | 1022 |
| 4           | 396 | 4         | 1327    | 1451      | 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on 8 G/Ws at L-1973, Merlerbach. 8 G/Ws and 2 houses were destroyed and tracks cut in 2 places. Bombing was very good.  | 1347 |
| 5           | 396 | 4         | 1246    | 1413      | 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on a concentration of 75 G/Ws at Murlarbach L-1971, destroying 10 G/Ws. Bombing was good.   | 1305 |
| 6           | 396 | 4         | 1157    | 1345      | 4 A/C release 8-500# GP bombs on town of Bettenfeld, L-3066. 8 M/Ts and a large block of bldgs were destroyed. One house was seen burning. Bombing was excellent. Flight then strafed and damaged 10 G/Ws between L-3748 and 3949.   | 1215 |
| 7           | 396 | 8         | 1528    | 1717      | Flight under control of Ripsaw #3. 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on town of Rittersdorf L-1156, MRO. 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on tanks at L-1057, claiming 2 tanks damaged. Bombing was fair. Flight then strafed and destroyed one tank at Liessen, L-1559, 1 tank prob. destroyed at L1055, 1 cycle destroyed at L1258, one half-track destroyed at L-1261; 1 M/T destroyed at L-1060; 4 M/Ts destroyed and 6 M/Ts damaged in woods at L-1055; 1 tank and 5 M/Ts damaged at L-1055. | 1550 |
| 8           | 396 | 4         | 1416    | 1620      | Flight under control of Ripsaw #3. 3 A/C released 6-500# GP bombs on 23 G/Ws S of Daun, L3678, destroying 4 G/Ws and cutting tracks. One A/C released 2-500# GP bombs on tank and M/Ts at Mahren, L-3976. 1 Tank, 3 M/Ts and 2 bldgs were destroyed. Bombing was very good. Flight then strafed and dest. 1 tank and damaged 2 others at L-1057.   | 1432 |

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No E/A were encountered on any of the missions. One A/C was damaged by flak and belly landed at L-083291. One P47 was observed belly landed at L-307717. 2-3 made up trains were observed at L-1969 and L-1973. Friendly tanks were seen ready to enter town of Ritterdorf L-1056. The flak at L1558 was light, intense and accurate; at L-1973 it was light, moderate and fairly accurate. The weather was generally 3 to 8/10 at 2-3000 feet. Visibility in sun was poor.

Field Order No 211, Para 3F, Mission J29-1, XIX Tactical Air Command.

- A. : The 397th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 47 P47Ds (46D/B-1 Escort) on three squadron missions 25 February 1945 to divebomb Salmrohr rail bridge at L-361476. After completion of bombing squadron to conduct an armed recon over Wittlich, Daun, Andernach, Koblenz, and Trier. 30 A/C each carried 2x500# GP (comp B) bombs. 16 A/C each carried 2x1000# GP bombs. Squadrons took off and landed at Y-34. The data on these operations is as follows:

| Mission No. | Sqd | AC   | Time | Time | Target   | TOT  |
|-------------|-----|------|------|------|--|------|
|             |     | Disp | Up   | Down |  |      |
| 1           | 397 | 16   | 0932 | 1141 | 2 A/C released 4-500# GP bombs on highway at L-2815. Bombing fair with 2 near misses. 14 A/C released 28-500# GP bombs on rail bridge at Salmrohr at L3648. Bombing was poor as all bombs were short of target. 3 cuts were observed on embankments. Squadron strafed ground targets with following claims: 1 loco. destroyed at L-5972, 1 M/T destroyed at L-588677, 10 G/Ws damaged at L-485548, 10 M/Ts destroyed and 8 bldgs damaged at L3242, Flak gun damaged same area. | 0955 |
| 2           | 397 | 17   | 1310 | 1429 | 16 A/C released 32-1000# GP bombs on 1345 railbridge at Salmrohr, at L-3648. One direct hit was observed and many hits around and on approaches of bridge were seen. Bombing was fair. Bridge is still standing but for the time being unserviceable. 1 A/C was escort on the mission.   |      |
| 3           | 397 | 14   | 1555 | 1803 | 14 A/C conducted armed recon in Bitburg 1625 area. 12 A/C released 24-500# GP (Comp B) bombs on vehicles and troops at Fliessen L-145590. Bombing was very good with 20 M/Ts destroyed and 6 damaged, 9 bldgs. destroyed. 2 A/C released 4-500# GP (comp B) bombs on tank and M/T at Wiersdorf   |      |

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| Mission No. | Sqd | A/C Disp | Time Up | Time Down | Target  | TOT |
|-------------|-----|----------|---------|-----------|---|-----|
| 3 cont'd.   |     |          |         |           | L-0857. Bombing was poor as both were missed. Squadron then strafed the following ground targets: 4 gas trucks destroyed at L-1462, 1 horsedrawn vehicle, 1 halftrack, 9 tanks destroyed and 6 tanks damaged at L-1462. One C/P 62 M/Ts, 2 houses destroyed in the same area. 36 M/Ts destroyed and 1 tank damaged at L-1364. |     |

5 A/C were damaged by flak. No abortives, 8 A/C encountered on any of the missions. Trier M/Y was filled with C/bs. The flak at L3248 was intense, fairly accurate and light; at bridge at L-3648 it was very intense, fairly accurate and light; at L5157 it was moderate, accurate and light; at L1762, L1752, L2162, and L2152 it was intense, accurate and light. The weather was 4/10, 3000 to 4000 feet with some haze. Visibility was fair.

Field Order No 211, para 3E, Mission JOM-1, XIX Tactical Air Command.

- A. : The 395th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 40 P47Ds (L/B) on a total of 9 squadron missions, 25 February 1945, to cooperate with units of the XII Corps with 4 A/C flights at 30 minute intervals. 40 A/C each carried 2 x 500# GP (Comp B) bombs. Squadron took off and landed at Y-34. The data on these missions is as follows:

| Mission No. | Sqd | A/C Disp | Time Up | Time Down | Target  | TOT  |
|-------------|-----|----------|---------|-----------|---|------|
| 1           | 395 | 4        | 0922    | 1143      | 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on tanks at L-168966. Bombing was poor but three tanks were damaged by strafing. Flight also strafed and damaged 12 G/Ws at L185941, strafed and destroyed 3 horse drawn vehicles at L-1795.                           | 1010 |
| 2           | 395 | 4        | 0952    | 1208      | 4 A/C release 8-500# GP bombs on RR tunnel at L-1758. Bombing was excellent with both ends of the tunnel were closed and a loco. was trapped inside of the tunnel. One M/T was strafed and destroyed at L-3580.                                       | 1100 |
| 3           | 395 | 4        | 1022    | 1220      | 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on town 1115 of Wolfeld, L-0846. Bombing was very good with 5 horsedrawn vehicles and 2 M/Ts destroyed. Flight also strafed and destroyed 11 M/Ts at L1247, 4 halftracks at L1248, and 2 horsedrawn vehicles at L0917. |      |

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| Mission No. | SqC | A/C Disp | Time Up | Time Down | Target   | TOT     |
|-------------|-----|----------|---------|-----------|--|---------|
| 4           | 395 | 4        | 1053    | 1229      | 3 A/C released 6-500# GP bombs on Dockendorf at L-0848 when instructed to do so by controller Lamphood. Results of bombing unknown. 1 A/C released 2-500# GP bombs on town of Scherfbillig, L-1549, NRO.   | 1140    |
| 5           | 395 | 4        | 1245    | 1400      | 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on M/Y at L-462107. Bombing was fair, with 4 E/Ws destroyed and 4 damaged. Flight also strafed 12 flat cars each carrying 3 M/Ts at L4409. No claims as this target had been damaged before.  | 1459    |
| 6           | 395 | 4        | 1320    | 1452      | 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs in M/Y 1355 at L-570845. Bombing fair with 3 GW destroyed and 2 damaged and tracks cut in one place. Flight strafed and damaged 1 tank at L-1376, destroyed 1 staff car, 1 halftrack and damaged 2 88 MM guns at L2965, damaged 1 halftrack at L2875.   |         |
| 7           | 395 | 4        | 1401    | 1627      | 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on entrance of tunnel at L-232360. Bombing was excellent. Entrance closed. Flight also strafed and destroyed 3 horse drawn vehicles at L-2050, destroyed 3 M/Ts at L3453.   | 1440    |
| 8           | 395 | 4        | 1404    | 1543      | 2 A/C released 4-500# GP bombs on 20 G/Ws at L3777. Bombing was poor all hits were near misses. 2 A/C released 4-500# GP bombs on 30 G/Ws at L3582. Bombing was very good with 5 G/Ws destroyed and 6 damaged. 1 staff and 1 M/T were damaged. Flight strafed and damaged 20 G/Ws at L3777.  | 20 1500 |
| 9           | 395 | 8        | 1617    | 1758      | 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on tanks and armored vehicles at L-2758. Bombing was excellent with 7 halftracks and 3 tanks destroyed. 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on tanks at L-2460. Bombing was good with 1 tank destroyed and 6 tanks damaged. Flight strafed and destroyed 5 halftracks, damaged 10 at L-2758, destroyed 1 M/T and damaged 1 M/T at L1850. | 1640    |

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One A/C damaged by flak. No abortives or enemy aircraft encountered on any of these missions. The flak at L-1549 was light, moderate and inaccurate, at L3748 it was intense, accurate and light; at L3777 and L3582, it was intense, accurate and light, at L2460 it was intense, accurate and light. Many vehicles were observed at L-3075. The weather was generally 6 to 8/10 base at 2000 feet, tops at 5000 feet. Haze up to cloud level and above with good visibility.

- B. : (i) 123 P47Ds (122 D/B & 1 escort). 36 D/B to cooperate with units of VIII Corps.  
40 D/B to cooperate with units of XII Corps.  
46 D/B & 1 escort to dive bomb Salrohr rail bridge at L361476 and conduct armed recce over Bitburg.
- (ii) 122, 1 Escort completed mission  
121 D/B attacked targets.
- (iii) 1 D/B (d) Enemy action. A/C was damaged by flak causing the pilot to return to L063291 and belly land.
- (iv) Nil
- (v) Nil
- (vi) Nil
- (vii) 7 Damaged by flak Cat "A", 3, Cat "AC" 3.  
Damaged by flak and belly landing 1 Cat "B".
- (viii) 123.
- C. : (i) 123 - 75 gal Americal type external belly tanks.  
(ii) Nil.
- D. : (i) 251:30  
(ii) Nil.
- E. : (i) 260760 rds .50 cal.  
(ii) 71396  
(iii) Nil.
- F. : (i) 212-500# GP bombs (Comp B) (180-AN M103 Instant Nose  
AN M101A2 1/40 tail fusing)  
(32- AN M103 1/10 nose -  
AN M101 A2 1/40 tail fusing)
- (ii) 210.
- (iii) 2 (Fusing instant nose - 1/40 tail)
- (iv) Nil
- (i) 32-1000# GP Bombs (AN M103-1/10 nose- AN M101A2 1/40 tail fusing)
- (ii) 32
- (iii) ~~22~~ Nil
- (iv) Nil
- G. : Nil
- H. : Nil

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2. 40-1-35  
3. 1-0-0  
4. 34-0-114  
5. 0-0-1  
6. 0-0-3  
7. 1-0-0  
9. 24-0-11  
12. 4-0-0  
13. 14-0-0  
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For the Commanding Officer:

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

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HEADQUARTERS  
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

I

APO 141, U. S. Army,  
3 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A. No. 363. USAAF Form 34 A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit.  
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Rear, Attention Statistical Control Section.  
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

Oprep A No 363 for 24 hours ending sunset 26 February 1945.  
Field Order No. 212, Para: SF, Mission UCU-1, Para. 3G,  
Mission No. IKC-1, XIX Tactical Air Command.

This group did not execute any missions on date stated above.

For the Commanding Officer:

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



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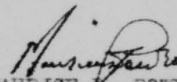
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Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Rear, Attention Statistical Control Section.  
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

Oprep A No. 364 for 24 hours ending sunset 27 February 1945.  
Field Order No. 213, Para. 3F, Mission WVE-1, Para. 3G,  
Mission SZG-1, XIX Tactical Air Command.

This group did not execute any missions on date stated above.

For the Commanding Officer:

  
MAURICE E. POWELL  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Asst. Adjutant.

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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 141, U. S. Army,  
4 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical Unit.  
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Rear, Attention Statistical Control Section.  
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : S E C R E T

Oprep A No 365 for 24 hours ending sunset 28 February 1945. Field Order No. 214, para 3 D, Mission EAT-1, XIX Tactical Air Command.

A, : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched 12 P47Ds (D/B) of the 395th Fighter Squadron on a total of three squadron missions, 28 February 1945, to cooperate with units of the VIII Corps, with 4 A/C flights at 30 minutes intervals. 12 A/C each carried 2 x 500# GP (Comp B) bombs. The three flights took off and landed at Y-34. The data on these missions is as follows:

| Mission No | Sqd | A/C Disp | Time Up | Time Down | Target   | TOT  |
|------------|-----|----------|---------|-----------|--|------|
| 1          | 395 | 4        | 1523    | 1702      | Under control of Ripsaw #2, 4 A/C released 8 x 500# GP bombs on M/Ts at Wiesbaum, L-2493. Target was also strafed. Bombing and strafing was very good with 9 M/Ts destroyed and 6 M/Ts damaged. The road was cut in 4 places.                                  | 1605 |
| 2          | 395 | 4        | 1546    | 1806      | Under control of Ripsaw #2, 4 A/C released 8 x 500# GP bombs on M/Y and 6 to 8 bldgs at Junkerath, L1894. Results of most of the bombs was not observed because fires and clouds of black oil smoke were noted after bombing attack. 1 bldg claimed destroyed. | 1710 |
| 3          | 395 | 4        | 1600    | 1826      | 4 A/C released 8 x 500# GP bombs on tanks, guns and troops in woods and road junction at L1190.  | 1640 |

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| Mission No. | Sqd | A/C Disp | Time Up | Time Down | Target  | TOT |
|-------------|-----|----------|---------|-----------|---|-----|
| 3 cont'd.   |     |          |         |           | This target was requested and marked with red smoke by Sailship. All bombs fell in wooded area and target was strafed. Sailship said bombing and strafing was excellent and he was pleased with the attack. |     |

No abortive, damaged or B A/C encountered on any of these missions. The flak at L-1894 was very intense, very accurate and light; at L-133906 it was intense, inaccurate and light. A supply point was observed at L-2493. The weather was generally 9/10 to 10/10 base 3000 to tops 4500 feet. Above the clouds visibility was excellent.

Field Order No. 214 para 3E, Mission LGF-1, XIX Tactical Air Command.

A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched 12 P47Ds (D/B) of the 396th Fighter Squadron and 12 P47Ds (D/B) of the 397th Fighter Squadron on a total of 3 missions per squadron, 28 February 1945 to cooperate with units of XII Corps, with 4 A/C flights at 20 minute intervals. 24 A/C each carried 2 x 500# GP (Comp B) bombs. The flights took off and landed at Y-34. The data on these operations is as follows:

| Mission No. | Sqd | A/C Disp | Time Up | Time Down | Target   | TOT  |
|-------------|-----|----------|---------|-----------|--|------|
| 1           | 397 | 4        | 1501    | 1602      | 2 A/C released 4x500# GP bombs on a gun position at Erdorf L165565. Bombing was fair. Only results seen were some houses that were hit. 2 A/C released 4 x 500# GP bombs on troops and vehicles in town of Baden, L1957. Bombing was good with all bombs falling in the building area. Other results unobserved. One of our A/C was damaged by flak and the pilot bailed in at L-050412 on the front lines. The pilot was slightly injured and has returned to his squadron. | 1535 |
| 2           | 396 | 4        | 1514    | 1722      | 4 A/C released 8x500# GP bombs on a highway bridge at Kordel, L2139. Bombing was fair. Two near misses were observed. Some bombs fell in town destroying 12 bldgs. Flight strafed and destroyed gun position at L1442.   |      |
| 3           | 396 | 4        | 1527    | 1704      | 4 A/C released 8x500# GP Bombs on highway bridge at Kordel, L2139. Bombing was poor as far as bridge was concerned but bombs fell in town dest 8 blds.   | 1550 |

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| Mission No | Sqd | A/C | Time Disp | Time Up | Time Down | Target   | TOT  |
|------------|-----|-----|-----------|---------|-----------|--|------|
| 4          | 397 | 4   | 1531      | 1809    |           | 4 A/C released 7x500# GP bombs on town of Butzweiler, L2036. Bombing was good 7 bldgs destroyed and cut in road. 1x 500 GP bombs fell in vicinity of L-4817 cutting road in 1 place. The flight strafed and damaged 5 M/Ts at L-175382, strafed and damaged 7 M/Ts and 2 tanks in woods at L-2038; strafed and destroyed 6 flak positions at L-187383. One of our A/C was hit by flak and made a belly landing when returning to base. | 1633 |
| 5          | 397 | 4   | 1557      | 1743    |           | 3 A/C released 6x500# GP bombs on artillery positions at Wilsecker, L173-592. NRO because of much smoke over the target after bombing had been made. 1 A/C released 2x500# GP bombs on bldgs. at L-171590. Bombing excellent, 5 bldgs destroyed.   | 1640 |
| 6          | 396 | 4   | 1611      | 1812    |           | 2 A/C released 4x500# GP bombs on a tank at Sefferweich, L1464. Bombing was excellent with 1 tank destroyed. 2 A/C released 4x500# GP bombs on a supply dump in woods at L-2365. Bombing was very good with all bombs landing right in the dump causing considerable destruction. The flight strafed and destroyed 1 tank at L-1364 and destroyed 1 M/T at L-2365.   | 1632 |

No abortive or E/A were encountered on any of the missions. 3 A/C were damaged by flak. The flak at Baden was intense, accurate and light; at Trier, it was medium, inaccurate and light; at L1759 it was weak, accurate and light. Horse drawn artillery was observed at L1466. The weather was generally 8 to 10/10 over cast from 3500 feet to 7000 feet. Visibility was decreased by haze under the cloud layer.

B. (i) 36 P47Ds (D/B) 12 D/B to cooperate with units of the VIII Corps.  
24 D/B to cooperate with units of the XII Corps.

(ii) 36 D/B attacked targets and completed missions.  
(iii) Nil.  
(iv) Nil.  
(v) Nil.  
(vi) Nil.  
(vii) 3 Damaged by flak and belly landing, 1 Cat "AC", 1 Cat "B". Damaged by flak 1 Cat "A"  
(viii) 36.

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- C. : (i) 36 75 gal American type external belly tanks.  
(ii) Nil
- D. : (i) 70:15  
(ii) Nil
- E. : (i) 76320 rds .50 cal.  
(ii) 19703.  
(iii) Nil
- F. : (i) 72-500# GP bombs (Comp B) (AnM103 instant nose and AN  
M101A2, 1/40 tail fusing).  
(ii) 72  
(iii) Nil  
(iv) Nil
- G. : 1. Pilot LIA, 2nd Lt Billy B. Arledge, 0711903, was slightly  
injured when he belliged in his A/C at L-050412 after it  
had been hit by flak. Pilot has returned to squadron.
- H. : Nil.
- I. : 1. 10-0-18  
2. 2-0-2  
6. 7-0-0  
7. 1-0-0  
9. 27-0-0  
10. 6-0-0  
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