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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 595, US Army.
7 January 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 Officer.

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Oprep A No. 307 for 24 hours ending sunset 1 January 1945.
Field Order No. 154, Para. F, Mission W51-3, XIX Tactical
Air Command.A. The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 70 B7Ds (64
D/Bombers and 6 escorts, each carrying 4-5 AR Rockets) on a total
of six squadron missions, 1 January 1945 to conduct armed recon
over Trier, Cochem and Simsig areas. 64 A/C each carried 2x500#
GP bombs. Squadrons took off and landed at A-68. The data on
these operations is as follows:

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/R
1	396	12	0830	1100	Ripaw #3 sent out to look for 2 E/A on A/D south of Trier. After searching, no E/A could be located. Only a few vehicles were seen through- out area which was recon'd twice. 12 A/C then released 24-500# GP bombs on N/E north edge of Trier 1-23325. Good results were obtained. One fire was started, 20 cars and 1 loco was dest, and one round house was dest. Bldgs in in SE corner were also hit, with one set afire.	0950
2	395	12	0906	1126	12 A/C released 24-500# GP bombs on scattered vehicles in area of Linscheidt 1-1790 and a 5 mile radius. 16 M/Ts were dest. 500# then started and dest. 37 M/Ts and damaged 9 M/Ts; 3 half-trucks were dest. one mobile gun dest. and 1 damaged. Six to eight enemy soldiers were also hit.	1036

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Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
3	397	10	1053	1314	Ripsaw #3 had no targets for sqd. 8 A/C then released 16-500 GP bombs on 25 cars at L-3679 in the vicinity of Mayen. Bombing was good. 12 cars were dest. and 13 damaged. Tracks were also cut in 2-3 places. No other enemy movements or targets were seen throughout recon area.	1130
4	396	12	1303	1534	4 A/C released 8-500 GP bombs on B/R and W/Y at Gerolstein L-2381. 4 cuts in tracks were made. Results of other hits were not observed. 4 A/C released 8 bombs on tank concentration in woods at Krames L-989457. 3 tanks were damaged. 4 A/C released 8 bombs on R/R at Schweigh L-200373. Tracks were cut in one place. Sqd. then strafed and dest. 10 scattered W/Ts throughout vicinity of L-3005.	1400
5	395	12	1334	1557	One A/C aborted due to radio failure returning 2-500 GP bombs to base. 3 A/C released 8 bombs on W/Y in vicinity L-211978. Tracks were cut in 2 places and 10 cars were dest. 4 A/C released 8 bombs on 15 - 20 cars at L-219969. Tracks were cut in 2 places. 5 cars were dest. and 5 cars damaged. 4 A/C released 8 bombs on 3 trains (no locomotive) of 20-36 cars at L-185047. Tracks were cut in 2 places, 10 cars were dest. and 7 cars were damaged. No strafing was done during recon of entire area as no suitable targets were found.	1430
6	397	12	1420	1706	Ripsaw #3 directed sqd. to target. 8 A/C released 16-500 GP bombs in woods - recon area including on W/Ts at L-245960, north of Trier. 30 W/Ts were destroyed. Target area was strafed after bombing, destroying 2 W/Ts, one trailer and 1 staff car. 4 A/C released 16 rockets at tanks and W/Ts at L-4086. 4 tanks were dest. A/C then strafed and dest. 22 W/Ts and 3 trailers and damaged 14 W/Ts in same area.	1520

A. : No E/A were encountered on any of the missions. No A/C were damaged by Flak. Tranches and artillery positions were seen at L-2035. The flak at Kordel L-306385 was heavy, moderate and accurate; at L-2301 it was light, intense and accurate; at L-6267 it was heavy, intense and fairly accurate. The weather was generally 4/10 to 9/10 from 3000 to 6200 feet throughout the day. Visibility was good.

B. : (i) 70 H47Ds (6 - Escorts, each carrying 4-5 AR Rockets)
(64- D/Bombers - Armed recon over Trier, Cochen, Sinzig Areas)
(ii) 69 - (6 - Escorts)
(63- D/Bombers - Attached targets)
(iii) 1 - D/Bomber (c) Radio failure - short circuit in equipment.
(iv) NIL

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- B. : (v) NIL
(vi) NIL
(vii) NIL
(viii) 69
- C. : (i) 12 - 150 gal. American external belly tanks.
(ii) NIL
- D. : (i) 184,115
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 148,400 rounds 50 cal.
(ii) 29787
(iii) NIL
(i) 24 - 5" AR Rockets
(ii) 16
(iii) NIL
- F. : (i) 128 - 500# GP bombs (AN M103-1/10 nose, AN M101A2-1/40 tail)
(ii) 126
(iii) NIL
(iv) NIL
2-500# GP bombs returned to base by abortive A/C.
- G. : NIL
- H. : NIL
- I. : 1. 142-0-23
2. 7-0-3
3. 1-0-0
4. 57-0-25
9. 1-0-0
11. 13-0-0
14 3
15 Mobile gun 1-0-1
Enemy soldiers 7-0-0.

For the Commanding Officer:

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

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368TH FIGHTER GROUPI-3-1
AFO 595, US Army.
8 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

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

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : SECRET

Oprep A No. 308 for 24 hours ending sunset 2 January 1945.
Field Order No. 155, Para. H, Mission W51-4, XIX Tactical
Air Command.

- A. The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 35 B-26s (31 B-26s and 4 escorts, each carrying 4-5 AR rockets) on a total of three squadron missions, 2 January 1945 to conduct armed recon by squadrons over Trier, Sinzig and Cochen Areas. 31 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs. Squadrons took off and landed at A-68. The data on these operations is as follows:

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
1	396	12	1047	1320	4 A/C released 8 bombs on 20 cars at L-212390, with good results. Cars were seen to explode right down the line with 15 dest. and 5 damaged. Another flight of 4 A/C released 8 bombs on 2 trains of 20 cars each at L-208385, with good results. 2 cars were left burning and 5 were dest. and others probably damaged on 1st train. 5 cars were dest. on other train. Another flight of 4 A/C released 8 bombs on a 30 car train at L-210380 with good results. 6 direct hits were observed, with 10 cars dest. and 5 damaged. None of the cars had any locomotives attached to them.	1128

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Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
2	397	12	1115	1121	Sqd. contacted Ripens #3 who assigned sqd. a target. 8 A/C released 12 500 lb bombs on M/T SW of St with at P-776. All bombs fell in M/T, containing 30-50 cars. 13 cars were dest. and 12 were damaged. A power house in M/T was also damaged. Sqd. then strafed 10 tanks and strayed vehicles and 4 M/Ts, one to four miles west of P-776. 6 tanks and armored vehicles were dest and 4 were damaged. Also 1 recon car and 7 M/Ts were dest. and 1 M/T damaged. 7 rockets were fired at tanks in this area, also claiming 1 dest. and 1 damaged.	
3	995	11	1151	1140	Sqd. contacted Ripens #3 who vectored 1235 sqd. to targets. 5 A/C released 6 bombs on town of Schaffling at L-154457-1110. 6 A/C released 12 bombs on 30 cars in M/T at L-5509 at Beklesham. Trucks were observed to be cut in 2-3 places. 7 cars were dest. and 9 damaged. 2 A/C released 4 bombs on 15-20 cars on R/R at L-5507, (near misses). Sqd. then strafed woods at L-2138, destroying 8 M/Ts and 5 German soldiers. One trailer was destroyed at L-1838 by strafing.	

A. Four A/C were damaged by flak, Oct. AG. No abortive or B/A were encountered on any of the missions. The town of Trier was observed to be burning fiercely. 50-75 bcr cars were noted to be in small M/T east of Bitsburg L-138534. Many scattered vehicles were seen parked under trees in woods at L-2138 and were believed to be low on gas. The flak at L-1451 was heavy, moderate and fairly accurate; at P-7390 and P-6451 it was light, intense and accurate; over Trier at L-0540 it was heavy, moderate and accurate. The weather was generally CAVU over two targets and 10% stratus from 3500-5500 over other target at P-7576.

B. (1) 35 F47Ds (4-Escorts, each carrying 4-5" AR Rockets)
(31 - B/Bombers - Armed recon over Trier, Simsig and Cochem Areas)
(11) 35 - (4 - Escorts - each carrying 4-5" AR Rockets)
(31 - B/Bombers - Attached targets - Completed missions)
(iii) NIL
(iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) NIL
(vii) 4 - Damaged by flak, Oct. AG.
(viii) 35

C. (1) 6 - 150 gal. American external belly tanks
(11) NIL

D. (1) 95.15
(11) NIL

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E. : (i) 74200 rounds 50 cal.
(ii) 9194
(iii) NIL
(i) 16 - 5" AR Rockets
(ii) 7
(iii) NIL
9 - 5" AR Rockets returned to base.

F. : (i) 62 - 500# GP bombs (AN M103-1/10 nose, AN M101A2-1/40 tail)
(ii) 61
(iii) NIL
(iv) NIL
1-500# GP bomb returned to base.

G. : NIL

H. : NIL

I. : 1. 16-0-1
2. 0-0-5
4. 55-0-23
9. 0-0-1
11. 2-0-0
13. 2
17. German troops - 5-0-0

For the Commanding Officer:

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

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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 595, US Army,
7 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

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

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : Oprep A number 909 for 24 hours ending sunset 3 January 1945. Field Order No. 156, Para. F, Mission W51-5, XIX Tactical Air Command.

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

For the Commanding Officer:

[Handwritten Signature]
NAURICE D POWELL
Captain, Air Corps.
Ass't. Adjutant.

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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 595, US ARMY,
7 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

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

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : Oprep A No. 310 for 24 hours ending sunset 4 January 1945.
Field Order No. 157, Para. F, Mission W51-5, XIX Tactical
Air Command.

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

For the Commanding Officer:

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

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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 141, US ARMY,
9 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

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

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

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Oprep A No. 311, for 24 hours ending sunset 5 January 1945.
Field Order No. 158 Para. F, Mission W51-5, XIX Tactical
Air Command.A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 24 F47Ds (20-
D/Bombers and 4 escorts, each carrying 4-5 AR Rockets) on two
squadron missions, 5 January 1945 to conduct armed reconnes over
Bitsburg, Trier, Hamburg and Kaiserslautern areas. 20 A/C each
carried 2x500# GP bombs. Squadrons took off from A-68 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	1030	1215 at Y-34	8 A/C released 16-500# GP bombs on 40 car train at Welschbillig at L-21395. Results were believed to be excellent, but NRO due to weather conditions. One M/T was strafed and dest. at Mahlendorf at L-1635.	1120
2	395	12	1135	1955 at Y-34	8 A/C released 16-500# GP bombs on A/D at Biblis M-5521 which was believed to have been recently used. Hanger on east side was observed to be hit. A A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on A/D at Engleheim M-3053 which also appeared to have been recently used. 2 bombs were noted to hit SE corner of building. One bomb also hit the NE corner of building.	1210

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- A. : One A/C was damaged by flak. No abortive or R/A were encountered. The flak at L-5521 was heavy and accurate; at L-1339 was light, weak and inaccurate. The weather was OAVU on the first mission and 9/10 stratus at 1000 feet on the second mission. Visibility was good.

Para. F, Mission FBF-1, XIX Tactical Air Command.

- A. : 12 P-47Ds of the 396th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from A-68 at 1100, 5 January 1945 to Support Units of the IX Corps and to conduct armed recon over designated areas. 12 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs. Squadron arrived over enemy territory at 1200 and contacted Turpentine who directed squadron to bridges at L-152112 and L-169146. A solid overcast existed over this area up to 5000 feet, which prevented squadron from attacking. Squadron then performed armed recon and bombed target of opportunity. 12 A/C released 2x500# GP bombs on concentration of RR cars on R/R at Q-3799 - L-4209. Poor results were obtained as squadron encountered a NE wind. Three cars were damaged and tracks were cut in one place. Squadron of 12 A/C then left target area at 1300 and landed at Y-94 at 1320. No damaged, abortive or R/A were encountered. Five P-51s bounced squadron (no shot fired) over target area. A very heavy concentration of flat cars on a single track was observed between Buschfeld Q-3799 and Crettnich at L-4209. Concentration contained 6 trains of 10-50 cars per train (no locomotive). Six cars were noted to be carrying big guns. All cars were loaded and ready to go. No enemy movements were observed on road in recon area. The weather was 9/10 stratus up to 5000 feet.
- B. : (i) 36 P-47Ds (4 - Escorts, each carrying 4-5# AR Rockets)
(32 - B/Bombers - Armed Recon over Bitsburg, Trier, Hamburg and Kaiserslautern)
- (ii) 36 (4 - Escorts)
(32 - B/Bombers - Attached targets - Completed missions)
- (iii) NIL
(iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) NIL
(vii) 1 - Damaged by flak, Cat. AC.
(viii) 36
- C. : (i) 6 - 150 gal. American external belly tanks.
(ii) NIL
- D. : (i) 81:30
(ii) NIL

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E. : (1) 76920 rounds 50 cal.
 (ii) 2724
 (iii) NIL
 (1) 16 - 5" AR Rockets
 (ii) NIL
 (iii) NIL
 16 - Rockets returned to base.

F. : (1) 64 - 500# GP bombs (AN M103-1/10 nose, AN M101A2-1/40 tail)
 (ii) 64
 (iii) NIL
 (iv) NIL

G. : (1) NIL

H. : NIL

I. : 1. 1-0-0
 4. 0-0-3
 6. 0-0-1
 9. 0-0-2
 11. 1-0-0
 15. 2

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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AFPO 595, US Army.
7 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

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

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : Oprep A No. 212 for 24 hours ending sunset 6 January 1945.
P/O M. Order No. 159, Para. 1, Mission W-51-3, XIX Tactical
Air Command.

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

For the Commanding Officer:

Harold D. Powell
HAROLD D. POWELL
Captain, Air Corps.
Asst. Adjutant.

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369TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 141, US Army,
9 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

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

FROM : 369th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : Oprep A No. 313 for 24 hours ending sunset 7 January 1945.
Field Order No. 160, Para. I, Mission W51-3, 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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AFG 161, US Army,
9 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

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

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : Oprep A No. 314 for 24 hours ending sunset 8 January 1945.
Field Order No. 161, Para. I, Mission W51-3, 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 GROUPI-P-1
APO 141, US Army,
11 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

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

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : SECRET

Oprep A No. 315 for 24 hours ending sunset 9 January 1945.
Field Order V006, 100th Fighter Wing.

A. Two F47Ds of the 397th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from Y-34 at 1245, 9 January 1945 to conduct a weather recon over designated areas. Flight of 2 A/C flew under control of Ripaw #3 from base to a point north of Luxembourg, to Ettelbruck (R-8240), to Diekirch (F-8642), to Luxembourg city, to Marnig (G-2095), to Metz (G-0698), back to Moselle River, to Thionville (G-8688) to Metz. The flight of 2 A/C landed at Y-34 at 1340. The weather was 10/10 stratus - low rugged base and an average base of 1800 feet - tops unknown, with scattered snow flurries. Visibility was generally 5 miles. Clouds on hill tops were observed in many places. No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. No flak was observed.

B. (i) 2 F47Ds (Weather Recon over designated areas)
(ii) 2 - (Weather Recon - Completed Mission)
(iii) NIL
(iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) NIL
(vii) NIL
(viii) 2

C. NIL

D. (i) 1:45
(ii) NIL- 1 -
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E.	:	(1) 4240 rounds 50 cal.
		(11) NIL
		(111) NIL
F.	:	NIL
G.	:	NIL
H.	:	NIL
I.	:	NIL

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,
12 January 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 Officer.

REF : S E C R E T

Oprep A No. 316 for 24 hours ending sunset 10 January 1945.
Field Order No. 163, Para. I, Mission w51-3, XIX Tactical Air Command.

A. The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 32 B47Ds (28 B/Bombers and 4 Escorts, each carrying 4-5" AR Rockets), 10 January 1945 to conduct by squadrons armed recon and support for XX Corps. Squadrons took off and landed at Y-34. 28 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs. 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	1337	1524	Sqd. contacted Railfull who directed them to go on armed recon. 12 A/C released 24-500# GP bombs on concentration of 40 to 60 vehicles at Brum L-0780. Bombing results were fair. The road at L-0780 was cut in 2 places, 4 M/Ts and 1 stat. car were dest, 2 houses were dest. and 4 M/Ts were damaged. Vehicles were going in an eastward direction in groups of 2-4. Sqd. strafed and destroyed 47 M/Ts and damaged 5 at L-0780. Squadron then strafed goods wagons in M/T at L-230811, claiming 10 goods wagons and box cars damaged.	1410

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Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time of day
2	396	10	1407	1609	2 A/C released 4-500 GP bombs on 1435 town of Bettinger L-0450 - DRC. 8 A/C released 16-500 GP bombs on six 88mm gun emplacements at Gindorf L-1953. All were near houses and guns continued to fire. Bombing was poor. Sqd. then strafed and dest. 8 M/Ts and damaged 2 M/Ts on road near Wittlich L-4448 to L-4352. Three oil cars were strafed and damaged at L-1754. No fires were observed from this strafing attack.	
3	397	10	1437	1642	Sqd. contacted Fullall who directed sqd. to target. 6 A/C released 12-500 GP bombs on supply depot of 14 bldgs at Reinsbach L-297950. 6-8 bldgs were hit and damaged. Few bldgs in town were also hit. Sqd. then strafed a concentration of 70-75 R/R cars at L-4218, claiming 50 damaged. Sqd. also strafed 20 plus M/Ts at L-428200 claiming 15 destroyed. Two large fires were caused by strafing in woods. Barracks at L-4317 were also hit by strafing. An observation tower at L-418200 was strafed. One M/T was damaged by strafing at L-303159. 4 A/C released 16-5 AR Rockets at RR at L-4218. Tracks were cut in 2 places and 1 car was destroyed.	1520

- A. : One A/C was damaged by flak. No abortive or enemy A/C were encountered. One hundred and fifty plus goods wagons were observed in M/T at L-230811. Many made up trains were noted on double track R/R at Cochem L-4972 and Trier L-2129. Six groups of R/R cars (totaling about 75) were noted at L-4218. The flak at L-243800 was light, intense and accurate; at Bitburg L-1953 it was light and heavy, moderate and accurate. The weather was generally 9/10 to 10/10 cumulus from 2500 to 7000 feet. Later it was 10/10 alto cumulus. Visibility was fair.
- B. : (i) 32 F47Ds (4 - Escorts, each carrying 4-5 AR Rockets)
(28- D/Bombers - Armed Reccs by squadrons and Support for XX Corps)
- (ii) 32 - (4 - Escorts)
(28- D/Bombers - Attacked targets and Completed missions)
- (iii) NIL
(iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) NIL
(vii) 1 - Damaged by flak, Cat. A.
(viii) 32

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- C. : (i) 5 - 150 gal American external belly tanks.
(ii) NIL
- D. : (i) 67.45
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 67840 rounds 50 cal.
(ii) 30884
(iii) NIL
(i) 16 - 5" AR Rockets.
(ii) 16
(iii) NIL
- F. : (i) 56 - 500# GP bombs (AN M103-instant nose, AN M101A2-1/40 tail fusing)
(ii) 56
(iii) NIL
(iv) NIL
- G. : (i) NIL
- H. : NIL
- Correction to Opprep A No. 296, 23 December 1944.
In Air. 30-0-5
Should read -
(i) 2 PW 190 - 2nd Lt Marcus L. Aldridge, 395th Fighter Sqd. and not -
(i) 1 PW 190 - 2nd Lt Marcus L. Aldridge, 395th Fighter Sqd. also delete the following item:
(iii) 1 PW 190 - 2nd Lt Marcus L. Aldridge, 395th Fighter Sqd.
- I. : 1. 75-0-12
4. 1-0-03
7. 0-0-1
9. 2-0-9
10. 2-0-0
11. 2-0-0
14. 1.

For the Commanding Officer:

Murphy D Forell
MURPHY D FORELL
Captain, Air Corps,
Asst. Adjutant.

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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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AFS 142, US Army.
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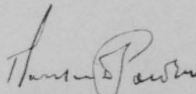
TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical Control Section.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : Oprep A No. 317 for 24 hours ending sunset 11 January 1945.
Field Order No. 164, Para. I, Mission W51-4, XIX Tactical Air Command.

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

For the Commanding Officer:


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

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13 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 94A.

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.

REF : Oprep A Report No. 318 for 24 hours ending sunset 12 January 1945.
Field Order No. 165, Para. I, Mission W51-4, XIX Tactical
Air Command.

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

For the Commanding Officer:

M. J. Howell
MAURICE J. HOWELL
Captain, Air Corps
Asst. Adj. Gen.



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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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AFPO 141, US ARMY,
17 January 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.

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Oprep A No. 319 for 24 hours ending sunset 13 January 1945.
Field Order No. 166, Para. I, Mission W51-4, XIX Tactical Air Command.

A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 68 P47Ds (all D/Bombers) on six squadron missions, 13 January 1945 to attack ammunition dump at Bilweiler L-585133, W/T Park at Gindorf L-211575, and L-211574 and Rodalben stores depot at Q-916720 and to conduct armed recce by squadron over Bitburg, Saarbrucken, Cochen areas. 68 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	10	0914	1120	8 A/C released 16-500# GP bombs on 10 W/Ts at L-213977, claiming 2 dest. and 3 damaged. 2 A/C released 4-500# GP bombs on 18 RR cars in W/T at L-220375, claiming 6 dest. and 6 damaged and also damaging tracks. Bombing results were fair. Sqd. then strafed and damaged 10 W/Ts (some carrying personnel) at L-27034c. Four horse-drawn carts and some personnel were dest at L-195370 by strafing.	1015
2	397	12	0943	1150	4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on 1030 W/T at Q-5983, cutting tracks in 4 places and destroying at least 10 cars. A terrific explosion was observed and believed to an ammunition dump, with smoke rising to 5-6000 feet. A A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on Q/Ws at Q-5983, cutting the single track in one place also damaging the embankment and destroying 5 cars.	



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Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
2	397	12			4 A/C released 8 bombs at Q-6083, destroying one warehouse, 10 cars and cutting rails in four places. Bombing results were very good. Sqd. then strafed and dest. one gun position and 1 locomotive at Homburg Q-70980. Military barracks were strafed at Q-6885, east of Nennkircher-NRO. One truck was dest. by strafing at Q-6785. One of our A/C was hit by flak at Homburg Q-70180 and was seen to belly land in enemy territory, 4 miles SW of Zweibrucken at Q-6770. Pilot was seen to run about 30 yards from his A/C and then returned.	
3	395	12	1026	1223	Sqd. contacted Ripsaw #5 who tried 1101 to give squadron a target but gave incorrect headings. No being able to help Ripsaw #5, 12 A/C then released 25-500% GP bombs on M/T at Siegburg F-3644. Tracks were cut in four places. 6 hits were observed on 2 roundhouses and 2 other bldgs. were also hit. One locomotive was dest. and tracks cut in front of locomotive, 15 cars were dest. and 5 were damaged. Bombing results were very good. An area, 3 mile radius in town of Winterschied F-7347, was then strafed. 20 M/Ts, 2 half-tracks were dest. and 6 M/Ts were damaged. Factory in M/T at F-3644 was also strafed-NRO.	
4	396	12	1302	1534	Squadron flew to M/T Park at L-2157 1320 but no activity was seen. 4 A/C then released 8-500% GP bombs on Bitburg, L-1352. Flight bombed thru hole in over-cast. One fire was started and some bldgs. were hit. 4 A/C released 8-500% GP bombs on 10 M/Ts in town of Guisdorf at L-2257. Flight also strafed town of Guisdorf after bombing attack. 5 M/Ts were dest. and 5 M/Ts were damaged. A few bldgs. were also hit. 4 A/C released 8-500% GP bombs on unknown town about 10 miles from Guisdorf. Good hits were observed in town. Flight then strafed targets in town - NRO. All bombing was generally fair.	
5	397	10	1333	1542	4 A/C released 8-500% GP bombs on 1957 storage depot at Rodalbin Q-916720. Several bldgs. were observed to be hit in corner of target, with two of them probably dest. 2 A/C released 4-500% GP bombs on bldgs. just north of Q-916720. 4-6 hits were observed on these bldgs. Sqd. then flew recce to Rhine River. Not much activity was seen. Bombing was fair.	

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Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
6	395	12	1402	1619	Sgd. contacted Ripsaw who had no targets for sqd. Sgd. then conducted armed reconnaissance east of Prum. A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on 5 horse-drawn guns at L-045906. 5 guns and personnel were dest. A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on 3 M/Ts at R-998938. (near misses). A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on 6-8 M/Ts at L-000934-NRC. Bombing was generally good. Sgd. then strafed targets in Mieselerfeld area at L-0093. 17 M/Ts were dest. and 5 damaged. One tank was also damaged. A amphibious M/Ts were dest. also. One A/C was damaged by flak and pilot made belly landing in friendly territory. Pilot has returned to base although slightly injured by forced landing.	1515

A. : No abortive or E/A were encountered on any of these missions. 5 A/C were damaged by flak. A/D at F-5653 appeared to be operational but no activity was observed. Factories in town of Siegburg appeared to be active. No barges and no ice were observed on Rhine River. Much enemy traffic activity was observed in vicinity of Prum. The flak at L-220375 was moderate, light and accurate; at Homburg it was light, intense and accurate; at Boun, F-5537 it was heavy, moderate and accurate; at L-1254 it was heavy, weak and accurate. The weather was generally 8/10 to 10/10 strato-cumulus at 1-5000 feet. Visibility was good.

B. : (i) 68 F47Ds (D/Bombers - Armed Recon over Bitburg, Saarbrucken and Cochen Areas)
(ii) 68 - (D/Bombers - Armed Recon - Attacked targets)
(iii) NIL
(iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) 1 - A/C was hit by flak at Homburg Q-70180 and was seen to belly land 4 miles SW of Zweibrucken Q-6770.
(vii) 5 - Damaged by flak.
2-Cat. A.
2-Cat. AB.
1-Damaged by flak and forced belly landing, Cat. E.
(viii) 68

C. : (i) 12 - 150 gal. American external belly tanks.
(ii) NIL

D. : (i) 156:45
(ii) NIL

E. : (i) 144160 rounds 50 cal.
(ii) 19629
(iii) 2120

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- F. : (i) 136 - 500# GP bombs (AN M103-Instant nose, AN M101A2-1/40 tail)
 (ii) 135
 (iii) NIL
 (iv) NIL
 1-500# GP bomb returned to base.
- G. : 1 - Pilot MIA - 1st Lt William C Olden, O-736316.
 Pilot's A/C was hit by flak over Homburg Q-70130.
 Pilot was seen to belly land his damaged A/C 4 miles SW of Zweibrucken Q-6770. Pilot was then seen to run some 30 yards from his A/C and then return to the damaged A/C.
 1 - Pilot - LIA - F/O John W. Russell, T-62605. Pilot was slightly injured when he belly landed his A/C in a field when returning from mission. Pilot has returned to squadron and given treatment.
- H. : NIL
- I. : 1. 57-0-29
 2. 2-0-1
 3. 2-0-0
 4. 46-0-11
 6. 1-0-0
 7. 1-1-0
 9. 1-2-0
 11. 15-0-0
 13. 4-0-0
 14. 3
 15. Horse drawn guns 5-0-0.

Field Order No. 166, Para. I, Mission W51-5, XXI Tactical Air Command.

- A. : 4 P47Ds of the 395th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from Y-34 at 1134, 13 January 1945 to escort one B-17 on a calibration mission. Flight of 4 A/C R/V with B-17 over Verdun at 15000 feet at 1200. Flight then flew at 20000 feet to Liege, Namur, Dinant and St Vith. Mission was uneventful. Flight of 4 A/C then landed at Y-34 at 1428. No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. No flak was observed. The weather was generally 4-6/10 cirrus at 24000 feet. North of Liege it was 10/10 stratus with tops at 46000 feet. Visibility was good.
- B. : (i) 4 P47Ds (Escort to one B-17 on Calibration Mission)
 (ii) 4 - (Escorts - Completed Mission)
 (iii) NIL
 (iv) NIL
 (v) NIL
 (vi) NIL
 (vii) NIL
 (viii) 4

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C. : NIL

D. : (i) 12:00
(ii) NIL

E. : (i) 8480 rounds 50 cal.
(ii) NIL
(iii) NIL

F. : NIL

G. : NIL

H. : NIL

I. : NIL

156:45
12
168:45

Field Order No. 166, Para. I, Mission P and PW., XII Tactical Air Command.

A. : 4 B47Ds of the 396th Fighter Squadron of the 96th Fighter Group took off from Y-34 at 1139, 13 January 1945 to drop propaganda leaflets on the following points: Arrille (P-2762), Otho (P-4871) Binsfeld (P-7970) and Warepage (P-5071). 4 A/C each carried 7 leaflet bombs (type - ZG-6112, ZG-7913 and ZG-7918). Flight of 4 A/C arrived over enemy territory at 1220. Flight was under control of Rip saw #5. From 10000 feet, 4 A/C released 7 leaflet bombs on each of the following points: P-2762, P-4871, P-7970 and P-5071. Flight of 4 A/C then left enemy territory, landing at Y-34 at 1318. No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. No flak was observed. The weather was 7-8/10 undercast at about 3-4000 feet. Visibility was good.

B. : (i) 4 B47Ds (Leaflet Bombers - To drop leaflet bombs at Arrille (P-2762), Otho, (P-4871), Binsfeld (P-7970) and Warepage (P-5071)

(ii) 4 - (Leaflet bombers - Dropped leaflet bombs and completed mission)

(iii) NIL

(iv) NIL

(v) NIL

(vi) NIL

(vii) NIL

(viii) 4

C. : NIL

D. : (i) 9:15
(ii) NIL

E. : (i) 8480 rounds 50 cal.
(ii) NIL
(iii) NIL

② 19629

③ 2120

168:45
9:15
178:—

④ 144160
8480
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F.	:	(i) 28 - Leaflet Bombs (Types: 20-6JNL2, 20-73KB, 20-79EB)
		(ii) 28
		(iii) NIL
		(iv) NIL
G.	:	NIL
H.	:	NIL
I.	:	NIL

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,
16 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

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

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

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Oprep A No. 320 for 24 hours ending sunset 14 January 1945.
Field Order No. 167, Para. H, Mission W51-3, XIX Tactical
Air Command.

A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 58 B47Ds (54 - D/Bombers and 4 A/C each carrying 7 leaflet bombs (2G-6IK, 2G-79K and 2G-73K) on a total of 5 squadron missions, 14 January 1945 to attack by squadron, Trier Ammunition dump at L-213248 and conduct armed recce in the Bitburg area; to attack St Ingbert Depot at Q-537751 and conduct armed recce in Saarbrucken area; and to attack Braumach Depot at H-097383 and to conduct armed recce in the Frankfurt area. The squadron on the recce of the Bitburg area will drop 2 and 1W bombs at Braumach P-3063, Hellingen P-3258, Heinerscheid L-8469 and Liesch L-1223. 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	12	D913	1100	2 A/C aborted shortly after take-off, returning 4-500# GP bombs to base. One A/C aborted due to turbo failure and one as escort to abortive A/C. Squadron was under control of Ripsaw #5. 10 A/C released 20-500# GP bombs on M/V depot and RR spur at St Ingbert Q-537751. (Primary target). Bombing results were good with many hits in area. R/R track was cut, 4 cars and 2 bldgs destroyed. One flight then strafed and destroyed 1 locomotive and damaged 5 cars (believed to be carrying troops) at R-3585. While one flight was down strafing, rest of sqd. was bounced by 50 plus ME 109s and FW 190s at R-3583. During encounter which followed, 2 FW 190s were destroyed. Six of our A/C failed to return from this encounter. (See Sect. G).	0945



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Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
2	395	12	0955	1129	2 A/C aborted shortly after take-off, returning 4-500# GP bombs to base. One A/C aborted due to broken belly tank rod and one due to canopy failure. Sqd. flew under control of Rip saw #5. 10 A/C dropped 20-500# GP bombs (some) in vicinity of St Wendell at 0-4030. Bombs were dropped in at request of 397th Fighter Sqd. in order to help them because they were in a dog-fight. When sqd. arrived in area where the fight was supposed to be taking place they found nothing but friendly A/C. One A/C then strafed and damaged 2 personnel carriers in vicinity of Osbury L-3024. No E/A were encountered on this mission.	1045
3	396	12	1020	1207	12 A/C released 20-500# GP bombs on dump at Reinerfeld L-30198. Poor results obtained with 2 hits in dump area. Sqd. then strafed 10-15 camouflaged barracks at L-43185 - N30. Entire recce area appeared to be inactive except for a few scattered vehicles. Sqd. then investigated bogies north of Luxembourg while on way home. No E/A were encountered on this mission.	
4	395	12	1333	1617	While over enemy territory, one A/C developed engine trouble and dropped 2-500# GP bombs safe at 0-4985 and returned to base. 6 A/C released 12-500# GP bombs on M/T park at M-097389, destroying 5 bldgs. 5 A/C released 10-500# GP bombs on M/T at Alzen M-2727, scoring 5 direct hits. A/C also strafed targets in M/T for 15 minutes, destroying one round house, 5 locomotives, 8 cars and damaging 7 cars. Both bombing results were good. 10 cars (6 passenger cars and 4 box cars) were strafed and dest. at M-2025. Loco and 15 cars were strafed at M-3935, claiming 1 loco damaged. Sqd. saw 12 ME 109s in vicinity of Mainz but E/A immediately left area without encounter being made. Sqd. then saw 60 E/A 10 miles north of Mainz. Three of our A/C attacked the enemy formation in a fast pass (one the enemy A/C and then pulled up and away. 3 ME 109s were destroyed (one by each A/C making pass) and the other 2 left the area and did not press the attack which they were preparing to make on the squadron.	
5	396	10	1404	1613	1 A/C released 8-26-73K pamphlets and 1420 8-26-73K pamphlets bombs on town of Liesch L-1223. At this point Rip saw #5 reported to sqd. that bandits were in the immediate vicinity. When the sqd. sighted A/C down on the deck. 1 A/C left 1000 8 bombs unarmored at L-1025. Upon investigation A/C on the deck were found to be Spitfires attacking ground targets. 2 A/C released 4-500# GP bombs on bridge at L-4050. Bombing was poor - no hits were observed on bridge. Sqd. continued recce with Rip saw sending them south where bogies were reported. One was found by the sqd. Very little activity was observed on north part recce.	

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- A. : One A/C was damaged by flak. A possible fuel or ammunition dump at L-375156 was seen to explode violently due to unknown reason. A possible landing strip was observed in vicinity between L-4023 and L-4222. An A/D at Frankfurt M-9257 appeared to have been used as ground had been cleared of snow but no activity was noticed. Another A/D at Darmstadt M-6140 also appeared to have been used. A possible ammunition dump with bldgs. 16 feet x 20 feet was observed at M-2328. Many R/R cars were seen on RR along Moselle and on RR north of Trier, but didn't appear to be active. The flak at east edge of Saarbrücken was heavy, moderate and accurate; at M-2727 it was weak, light and accurate. The weather was from 3/10 stratus at 12 to 14000 feet to CAVU.
- B. : (i) 58 F47Ds (4 - Leaflet bombers, each carrying 7 leaflet bombs to be dropped at Marnach F-3063, Hesingen F-3258, Heinerscheid L-8469 and Liesch L-1223)
(54 - D/Bombers - Armed Recon over Saarbrücken, Frankfurt, and Bitburg Areas)
- (ii) 49 F47Ds (4 - Leaflet bombers)
(45 - D/Bombers - Attacked targets - Completed missions)
- (iii) 9 - D/Bombers - 4-(c) 1-Turbo failure, 1-broken belly tank rod 1-canopy failure, 1-gas line cracked allowing air to come into line.
5-(d) 1-Escort to abortive A/C.
4-Jettisoned bombs because of reported enemy A/C in the immediate vicinity.
- (iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) 6 - (D/Bombers) A/C were last seen in a dogfight with E/A over R-9583.
- (vii) 1 - Flak, Cat. A.
(viii) 58
- C. : (i) 12 - 150 gal. American external belly tanks
(ii) 12
- D. : (i) 117:33
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 122960 rounds 50 cal.
(ii) 12026
(iii) 12720
- F. : (i) 108 - 500# GP bombs (AN M103-instant nose, AN M101A2-1/40 tail fusing)
(ii) 89
(iii) 10 - by abortive A/C.
(iv) NIL
8 - returned to base by abortive A/C
1 - fell off on take-off.
- (i) 12 (ZG 61K)
8 (ZG 73K)
8 (ZG 79K)
- (ii) 28
(iii) NIL
(iv) NIL

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G. : 6 Pilots MIA - Major Richard E Leary, 0-900694.
 1st Lt Milton S Bender, 0-763468
 1st Lt Roland C Potter, 0-692339
 2nd Lt Charles J Hucks, 0-710698
 2nd Lt Cyril J Konesny, 0-830015
 2nd Lt James M Polen, 0-716234

Pilots were last seen in a dog fight with 50 plus ME 109s and FW 190s over R-3583. Lt Potter was heard to say over the R/T that his A/C was in flames. Lt Polen reported that he was in trouble and might have to bail out. No other information is available.

H. : In Air 5-0-0

- (i) 2-FW 190 1st Lt George L. Bauer, 397th Fighter Squadron.
 1-ME 109 1st Lt William J Garry, 395th Fighter Squadron.
 1-ME 109 2nd Lt Nealy C Riegan, 395th Fighter Squadron.
 1-ME 109 2nd Lt Lawrence Mausch, 395th Fighter Squadron.
- (ii) NIL
 (iii) NIL
 (iv) 122 FW 190 and ME 109s

I. : 1. 0-0-2
 3. 6-0-1
 4. 27-0-7
 7. 0-0-1
 9. 8-0-0
 11. 1-0-0
 14. 1.

Field Order No. 167, Para. I, Mission W51-4, XIX Tactical Air Command.

A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 16 F47Ds (on a total of 4 missions of 4 A/C each), 14 January 1945 on a continual patrol over airfield (Y-34) from 1st to last light. The alert patrols 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	0900	1133	Flight flew as far east as Saar River. Many friendly fighters were observed. 23 bogies were called in to flight by Bushman to be at L-1178. Flight was low on gas at time and did not go to investigate.	
2	396	4	1101	1312	Flight contacted Ripsaw #5 who tried to vector flight to E/A but none were seen. Flight then flew to Bastogne, but nothing was observed. Later flight was vectored to E/A in vicinity of Luxembourg. No E/A were seen. Flight then escorted some B-26s north of Luxembourg.	

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Mission No.	Sgd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
3	395 397	2 2	1316	1514	Flight flew uneventful patrol in 10 mile radius over the field under control of Bushman. 5 bogies were reported but flight did not investigate because another flight was doing so.	
4	396	4	1503	1706	Flight was vectored by Ripsaw #5 to bandits that were supposed to be near Luxembourg, then Ripsaw changed the course and remainder of patrol was uneventful.	

- A. : No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. The weather was generally CAVU.
- B. : (i) 16 F47Ds (Continual Patrol over airfield (Y-34) from first to last light.)
(ii) 16 - Completed Missions
(iii) NIL
(iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) NIL
(vii) NIL
(viii) 16
- C. : (i) 3 - 150 gal. American external belly tanks.
(ii) NIL
- D. : (i) 36:15
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 33920 rounds 50 cal.
(ii) NIL
(iii) NIL
- F. : NIL
- G. : NIL
- H. : NIL
- I. : NIL

117:33
36:15
153:48

122760 12024 12720
33920 720
156880 12746
16960
173840

Field Order No. 167, Mission W51-10, XIX Tactical Air Command.

- A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 8 F47Ds, of the 397th Fighter Squadron to support (Pinkpig) III Corps. 8 A/C each carrying 2x500# GP bombs took off from Y-34 at 1302, 14 January 1945. The two flights proceeded to fly the mission as briefed. 2 A/C aborted at this point, one because of failure of ignition system and one because of escort to abortive A/C. Both A/C returned their bombs to the base. The remaining six A/C arriving over bomb-line at 1320.

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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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AFS 141, US Army,
19 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 94A.

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

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

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Oprep A No. 321 for 24 hours ending sunset 15 January 1945.
Field Order No. 168, Para. J, Mission W51-6, XIX Tactical
Air Command.A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 15 P47Ds (Alert
Patrols) on a total of 4 squadron missions, 15 January 1945 to
provide a continuous patrol over airfield (Y-34) from first to
last light. 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	4	0953	1153	Flight contacted Ripsaw who called in Bogies to flight over Thionville. Upon investigation, no A/C were found in that vicinity. Mission was uneventful.	
2	395	4	1209	1414	Flight of 4 A/C flew an uneventful patrol mission at 12000 feet.	
3	396	3	1359	1625	Flight of 3 A/C flew an uneventful patrol mission.	
4	395	4	1601	1724	Flight of 4 A/C contacted Ripsaw #5 who sent flight to find an unidentified A/C. Upon search, A/C could not be located. Mission was flown at 12000 feet and was uneventful.	

A. : There were no abortive, damaged or E/A encountered on any of the
missions. The weather was generally 2/10 cirrus at 25000 feet.B. : (i) 15 P47Ds (Alert Patrol - To conduct a continuous patrol
over airfield (Y-34) from first to last light)
(ii) 15 - (Alert Patrol - Completed Missions)
(iii) NIL
(iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) NIL
(vii) NIL
(viii) 15

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C. : NIL
 D. : (i) 30:45
 (ii) NIL
 E. : (i) 31800 rounds 50 cal.
 (ii) NIL
 (iii) NIL
 F. : NIL
 G. : NIL
 H. : NIL
 I. : NIL

Field Order No. 168, Para. I, Mission W51-5, XIX Tactical Air Command.

A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 68 F47Ds (All D/Bombers) on a total of 6 squadron missions, 15 January 1945 to attack Ellivweiler Ammo Stores at L-585133 and conduct armed recce in Kaiserslautern Area; to attack M/T depot at Schivetzlingen R-603898 and to conduct armed recce in the Homburg Area; and to attack Mayen Supply dump at L-610922 and to conduct armed recce in Mayen Area. 68 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	12	1002	1205	2 A/C released 4-500# GP bombs on 1034 a 3 span road bridge at L-421432, scoring 3 direct hits on center span, which was dest. The northern approach was also hit. 10 A/C released 20-500# GP bombs on supply depot at L-610922. 5 bldgs. were dest. Bombing results were good with good dispersal of bombs. Sqd. then flew recce part of which was over solid overcast to Metzla - no activity observed. One M/T was dest. at L-6192 by strafing.	
2	396	12	1031	1247	12 A/C released 24-500# GP bombs on 1040 ammunition depot at L-585133. Bombing was excellent with good hits observed in center of dump but no fires or explosions were observed. Sqd. then flew recce - no activity noted. 1 M/T was dest. by strafing at L-5509. One loco was dest. by strafing at L-5704 and 12 tank cars damaged. Target at L-585133 thought to be inactive after close observation was made by the sqd.	
3	397	10	1120	1302	10 A/C released 20-500# GP bombs on 1140 a very active M/T at Nieustadt R-2954. Bombing results were generally excellent with lot of smoke and fire observed. 35 RR cars were dest. and 35 were damaged. Low cloud coverage prevented accurate observation of bombing. Sqd. then conducted armed recce. Recce area was generally quiet and little activity observed.	

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Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
4	395	12	1335	1546	Sqd. contacted Ripsaw #5 who sent 3-5 miles south of Trier in tanks which were not found. Controller then sent sqd. to NW of Trier in search of tanks which also could not be located. 12 A/C then released 24-500# GP bombs on M/T at Marichutte L-45311. Bombing results were excellent. RR tracks were cut in 3 places. One bomb hit station which was dest. 18 goods wagons were damaged and 8 goods wagons were dest. 2 bombs fell in woods north of town along RR causing large explosion. Sqd. then strafed 4 goods wagons (damaged). 1 M/T was damaged by strafing at L-183192. Factory was damaged. 1 M/T dest. by strafing at Kastanbach L-418088.	1500
5	396	12	1359	1608	Sqd. contacted Ripsaw #5 who instructed sqd. not to go more than 20 minutes from base due to weather. 12 A/C released 24-500# GP bombs on RR sidings and 40 cars at Schopp at Q-966h. Bombing results were good. 12 cars were dest. and trucks cut in 2 places. Hits were observed on 8 bldgs. at edge of tracks. No other targets were observed in area.	1445
6	397	10	1431	1617	Sqd. contacted Ripsaw #5 who instructed sqd. not to go more than 20 minutes from base in account of weather conditions. Ripsaw had no targets for sqd. later gave target at L-8080 but was called off. Sqd. then flew armed recce to Kaiserslauten to L-8070 and to Saarbrucken. Due to solid overcast over recce area, sqd. returned to base, returning 20-500# GP bombs to base.	1450

- A. : One A/C was damaged by flak. No E/A were encountered on any of the missions. Two V-2 rockets were observed going up from woods SW of Koblenz. Factories in Saarbrucken appeared to be very active. M/T at Monheim R-5796 appeared to be exceptionally busy. No activity was noted at A/C at Engelen L-2951. No barges were noted on the Rhine River. The flak at R-4572 was heavy, weak and accurate; at Q-966h it was light, intense and accurate. The weather was generally CAVU early part of the day, later in the day it was 3/10 to 10/10 stratus - base at 8500 and tops at 10000 feet. Visibility was good.
- B. : (i) 68 B-7Ds (D/Bombers - Armed Recce over Kaiserslauten, Homburg and Mayen Area)
(ii) 58 - (D/Bombers - Attached targets - Completed Missions)
(iii) 10 - D/Bombers (a) Solid overcast over recce area prevented squadron from finding and attacking targets.
(iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) NIL
(vii) 1 - Flak, Cat. AC.
(viii) 68
- C. : (i) 12 - 150 gallon American external belly tanks.
(ii) 4

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D.	:	(i) 1h3:00 (ii) NIL	31800
E.	:	(i) 1h4:60 rounds 50 cal. (ii) 18h27 (iii) NIL	31800 144160 175460
F.	:	(i) 196 - 500# GP bombs (AN M103-instant nose, AN M101A2-1/h0 tail fusing) (ii) 116 (iii) NIL (iv) NIL	
		20-500# GP bombs returned to base due to weather.	
G.	:	NIL	
H.	:	NIL	
I.	:	1. 3-0-1 3. 1-0-0 4. 55-0-69 5. 1-0-0 7. 1-0-1 9. 6-0-0 11. 5-0-0 14. 2	

For the Commanding Officer:

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

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368TH FIGHTER GROUPI-A-1
MSG 141, US Army,
21 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

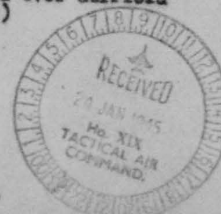
TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical
Control Unit.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical
Control Section.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical
Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

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Oprep A No. 322 for 24 hours ending sunset 16 January 1945.
Field Order No. 169, Para. M, Mission W51-6, XIX Tactical
Air Command.A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 9 F47Ds on
a total of 4 squadron missions, 16 January 1945 to provide a
continuous patrol over airfield at Y-34 from first to last
light. 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	2	0921	1132	Flight circled a field at Y-34 not going any farther than 15 miles south. Flight then contacted Controller (Ripsaw #4) who had no instructions. Mission was un- eventful.	
2	395	3	1134	1338	Flight flew an uneventful patrol.	
3	396	2	1332	1552	Flight flew an uneventful patrol.	
4	397	2	1550	1719	Flight was under control of Bushman and flew an uneventful patrol.	

A. : No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. The weather was
10/10 coverage at 2350 feet on the first mission, with 5 mile
visibility below cover. Later it was CAVU.B. : (i) 9 F47Ds (Alert Patrols - Continuous Patrol over airfield
at Y-34 from first to last light)
(ii) 9 - Completed Mission.
(iii) NIL
(iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) NIL
(vii) NIL
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C. : NIL
 D. : (i) 15:15
 (ii) NIL
 E. : (i) 19080 rounds 50 cal.
 (ii) NIL
 (iii) NIL
 F. : NIL
 G. : NIL
 H. : NIL
 I. : NIL

Field Order No. 169, Para. K, Mission W51-4, XIX Tactical Air Command.

A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 72 F47Ds (all B/Bombers) on a total of 6 squadron missions of 12 A/C each, 16 January 1945 to conduct armed reccees over Trier, Homburg and Kaiserslautern Areas. 72 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	0930	1133	3 A/C released 6-500# GP bombs on locomotive, 18-20 G/Ws and tracks at L-380715, cutting tracks into places but missing train. 2 A/C released 6-500# GP bombs on 2 M/Ts at L-362567, claiming 2 M/Ts damaged. 2 A/C released 6-500# GP bombs on 6 M/Ts at L-366375, claiming 6 M/Ts destroyed. 5 A/C released 10-500# GP bombs on 14 barracks (showing signs of activity) at L-389551. 4 bldgs. were destroyed by direct hits. All bombing was very good.	0950
2	397	12	1016	1155	4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on M/Y at Neustadt R-3183. Two warehouses were dest, tracks cut in 2 places. 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on M/Y at R-1399. Tracks were cut in 4 places and 5 RR cars were dest. Several bldgs. were seen to explode and 10 cars were destroyed. Two cars were strafed and damaged at R-1399. Bombing results were very good. Little activity was seen in area.	

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Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/E
3	395	12	1106	1241	1 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on M/Y at M-119445. Of the 25 RR cars in M/Y, 15 cars were dest. and tracks cut in 4 places. 2 A/C released 3-500# GP bombs on town at M-272278 Albig. One bldg. was dest. 6 A/C released 12-500# GP bombs on M/Y at M-274304. Of 50 RR cars in yard, 25 were dest. and 15 damaged. Tracks were cut in at least 4 places. Sqd. also strafed during bombing. Bombing on all targets was excellent.	1140
4	396	12	1321	1525	Two A/C aborted shortly after take-off. One due to oil coolant failure and one as its escort. 4-500# GP bombs were returned to base. 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on 4050 RR cars at Wengron L-4353. 8 RR cars were dest. and 5 were damaged. RR did not appear active. 2 A/C released 4-500# GP bombs on barracks at L-882568. 2 bldgs were dest. and 2 were damaged. 1 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on 2 M/Ts in woods at L-880565, claiming 2 M/Ts dest. Sqd. then strafed and damaged 20 RR cars at L-4353. One M/T was dest. and a trailer damaged by strafing at L-88565. 10 RR cars were damaged at M/Y at Simmein L-3554 by strafing. 40 M/Ts at L-6090 were called into sqd. by Ripsaw #1 but could not be located. Bombing results were fair.	
5	397	12	1402	1546	Sqd. was under control of Ripsaw #1. 12 A/C released 24-500# GP bombs on M/Y at Neustadt R-905835. 43 RR cars were dest. and 2 large fires were started. Bombing was good. Sqd. was attacked over R-3482 by 40 FW 190 and 20 ME 109s from 10000 feet. E/A bounced sqd. without any warning from the Controller. During short engagement which followed one ME 109 was seen to crash at R-3276. 2 of our A/C were damaged by M/A and 1 of our A/C was seen to get hit and spin to the ground at R-4482. The pilot was not seen to bail out.	1455
6	395	12	1445	1625	2 A/C released 4-500# GP bombs on checkpoint in M/Y at L-5504 which was dest. 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs northeast of Saarbrücken-WRO. 6 A/C jettisoned 12-500# GP bombs in response to Ripsaw #1 who called a fight taking place, 17 miles east. When sqd. arrived in area, fight was over. No enemy A/C were encountered on the mission.	1500

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- A. : 2 A/C were damaged by enemy aircraft. A possible M/T concentration in woods was observed at L-8657. A/D at R-3481 did not appear active. A prisoner of war camp (plainly marked) was observed near Kaiserlauten at G-375915. M/T at Saarbrücken was observed to contain some 200 VW cars. The flak at L-866575 was light, moderate and accurate; at R-305835 it was light, intense and accurate, and heavy, intense and accurate; at Mannkirchen it was weak, heavy, and accurate. The weather on the first three missions was generally 5 to 10/10 stratus at 3 to 8000 feet, with good visibility. Later it was CAVU over target area.
- B. : (i) 72 H7Ds (D/Bombers - Armed Recon over Trier, Homburg and Kaiserlauten Areas)
(ii) 64 - D/Bombers - Attached targets.
63 - D/Bombers - Completed Mission (1 A/C failed to return. A/C bombed target and was later shot down by E/A during encounter)
(iii) 8 - D/Bombers (c) 1-Oil coolant failure.
(d) 1-Escort to abortive A/C.
(d) 6-A/C jettisoned their bombs unarmed due to enemy action. Controller called in a fight and told them to go to it. Fight was over when they arrived.
(iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) 1 - D/Bomber - A/C was last seen during encounter with E/A at R-3482. A/C was seen to get hit in the wing and spin to the ground. Pilot was not seen to bail out.
(vii) 2 - Damaged by E/A, Cat. AC.
(viii) 72
- C. : (i) 12 - 150 gallon American external belly tanks.
(ii) NIL
- D. : (i) 138:15
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 152640 rounds 50 cal.
(ii) 14890
(iii) 2120
- F. : (i) 144 - 500# GP bombs (AN M103-instant nose, AN M101A2-1/40 tail fusing)
(ii) 127
(iii) 12 (unarmed)
(iv) NIL
5 - 500# GP bombs returned to base (4 by abortive A/C)
- G. : 1 - Pilot - MA - 2nd Lt James E. Hutcherson, O-329997.
Pilot was last seen during encounter with E/A at R-3482. His A/C was seen to get hit in the wing and spin to the ground. He was not seen to bail out.

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H. : In Air 1-0-0.
(i) 1 - ME 109 - 2nd Lt. James E. Hutcherson, 397th Fighter Sqd.
(ii) NIL
(iii) NIL
(iv) 40 PW 190s and 20 ME 109s.

I. :
1. 9-0-2
4. 100-3-35
9. 11-0-2
11. 17-0-0
14. 8

For the Commanding Officer:

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

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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

I-P-1

APO 141, US Army,
19 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

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

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

Oprep A No. 323 for 24 hours ending sunset 17 January 1945.
Field Order No. 170, Mission W51-6, 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,
Asst. Adjutant.

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APO 141, US Army,
19 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

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

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : Oprep A No. 324 for 24 hours ending sunset 18 January 1945.
Field Order No. 171, Para. J, Mission OJR-1, XIX Tactical
Air Command.

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

For the Commanding Officer:

Maurice D Fowle
MAURICE D FOWLE
Captain, Air Corps,
Asst. Adjutant.

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368TH FIGHTER GROUPI-P-1
APO 141, US Army,
22 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Opprep 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.

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Opprep A No. 325 for 24 hours ending sunset 19 January 1945.
Field Order No. 172, Para. J, Mission VDC-1, XIX Tactical Air Command.

A. The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 36 P47Ds (all D/Bombers) on a total of 3 squadron missions of 12 A/C each, 19 January 1945 to support the 4th Infantry Division and conduct armed recon over Reuerburo (P-9658), St Vith (P-3588), Adenau (L-4299) and Echternach 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	397	12	1439	1651	Sqd. contacted Organ (4th Div.) who sent sqd. to P-9049 in search of road movements which could not be located. Organ then sent sqd. to Vianden P-935490, an ammunition dump. Upon arrival there, another group of P47s was operating in this area. Sqd. then left this area and conducted armed recon to SE Trier and return. Because of 10/10 undercast at 3500 to 6000 feet over recon area, sqd. returned 2x-500# GP bombs to base.	1504
2	395	12	1511	1701	Sqd. contacted Ripsaw #5 who vectored sqd. to target, a train between L-905142 and L-929050. The train was approximately 2 miles long (without locs). 11 A/C released 22-500# GP bombs on train, claiming 25 RR cars dest. and 35 damaged by at least 8 direct hits. Train appeared to be loaded with supplies. Tracks were cut in 8 places. Bombing was very good. Train was also strafed. One A/C released 2x-500# GP bombs on town of Wolfstein at L-905095, destroying a 2 story bldg.	1530

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Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
3	396	12	1518	1713	One A/C aborted shortly after take-off due to smoke in cockpit coming from leaky exhaust ducts. A/C returned 2-500# GP bombs to base. Sqd. contacted Organ who had no targets for sqd. Sqd. then attacked target at Anterocken L-9917. 11 A/C released 22-500# GP bombs on 2 long trains of at least 200 cars (some of which were oil tanks. Bombing was excellent with 4 direct hits. 20 cars were dest. and 2 large fires burning briskly were observed. Darkness was closing in and no strafing was done.	1540

A. : No damaged or E/A were encountered on any of the missions. The flak at F-935490 was light, moderate and inaccurate. The weather was generally 9-10/10 undercast from 3 to 9000 feet. Visibility below undercast was 5 miles.

B. : (i) 36 B-17Ds (D/Bombers - Armed Recce over designated Areas - Support the 4th Infantry Division)
(ii) 23 (D/Bombers - Attacked targets - Completed Mission)
(iii) 13 - D/Bombers (a) 12 - 9/10 undercast at 3500 to 6000 feet over recce area prevented squadron from observing and attacking targets.
(c) 1 - Due to smoke in cockpit of A/C caused by leaky exhaust ducts.
(iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) NIL
(vii) NIL
(viii) 36

C. : (i) 3 - 150 gallon American external belly tanks.
(ii) NIL

D. : (i) 77:30
(ii) NIL

E. : (i) 76320 rounds 50 cal.
(ii) 816
(iii) NIL

F. : (i) 72 - 500# GP bombs (AN M103-Instant nose, AN M101A2-1/40 tail fusing)
(ii) 46
(iii) NIL
(iv) NIL
26-500# GP bombs returned to base by abortive A/C

G. : NIL

H. : NIL

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 11. 8-0-0

For the Commanding Officer:

Maurice D. Rowell
MAURICE D. ROWELL
Captain, Air Corps,
Ass't. Adjutant.

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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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AFO 141, US Army,
21 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 344.

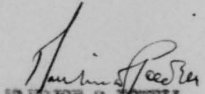
TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical
Control Unit.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical
Control Section.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical
Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : Oprep A No. 326 for 24 hours ending sunset 20 January 1945.
Field Order No. 173, Para. H, Mission NII-1, XIX Tactical
Air Command.

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

For the Commanding Officer:


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

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479 1st, US Army,
22 January 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. 327 for 24 hours ending sunset 21 January 1945.
Field Order No. 17a, Para. H, Mission VFW-1, XIX Tactical
Air Command.

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

For the Commanding Officer.

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SERGEANT D FORBELL
Captain, Air Corps,
Ass't. Adjutant.

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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 141, US Army,
25 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. ICAAF 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. 928 for 24 hours ending sunset 22 January 1945.
Field Order No. 176, Para. J, Mission VIC-1, XIX Tactical
Air Command.A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 69 M7ns (68 -
D/Bombers and 1 Escort) on a total of 6 squadron missions, 22
January 1945 to support the 4th Infantry Division by squadrons
at one hour intervals. If no targets are available, squadrons
will conduct armed recon over Vianden, Trier and Wittlich.
68 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	12	0951	1143	Shortly after take-off one A/C aborted due to gas fumes in cockpit. Returning 2-300# GP bombs to base. Sqd. was contacted by Flak which directed sqd. to contact Browning and who led them to a large concentration of M/Ts in vicinity of Vianden. 11 A/C released 22-500# GP bombs on M/T concentration between P-3655 and P-3658, destroying 21 M/Ts, 1 trailer and 1 gun and damaging 19 M/Ts. Sqd. then strafed target, destroying 13 M/Ts, 2 large vans and 1 flat-truck and damaging 25 M/Ts. 50 German personnel were also strafed and killed. All bombing was excellent.	1020

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Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
2	396	12	1103	1907	Sqd. was directed to target by pilots in P-51 by Flapper sqd and Ripsey #3. A A/C released 8-500 GP bombs on 25-30 M/Ts in town of Debung P-8-3622, claiming 10 M/Ts and 2 bldgs. dest. A A/C released 8-500 GP bombs on concentration of 50-75 M/Ts at P-8-3629, claiming 15 M/Ts dest. A A/C released 8-500 GP on vehicle concentration at P-8-3655, claiming 15 M/Ts and 1 tank dest. Sqd. then strafed M/Ts at P-8-3670 and P-8-3669, destroying at least 30 M/Ts and damaging 60 M/Ts. All bombing was excellent. On way to home base 1 A/C made belly landing at P-8-3617 due to flak damage. Pilot has returned to sqd. Pilot was not wounded or injured.	1020
3	397	12	1204	1402	Sqd. contacted Serium in vicinity of P-8-3657 for location of targets. A A/C released 8-500 GP bombs on M/Ts at P-8-321671. A A/C released 8-500 GP bombs on M/Ts and tanks at P-8-322665. A A/C released 8-500 GP bombs on M/Ts between P-8-3663 and P-8-310632, claiming 2 tanks and 24 M/Ts dest. and 9 M/Ts damaged. Sqd. then strafed M/Ts claiming 22 M/Ts dest. and 35 damaged. Bombing results were very good. One A/C belly landed in the front lines at P-8-3656 (a fix given by Ripsey) due to flak damage. Pilot is MIA.	1290
4	395	12	1412	1553	Sqd. was contacted by Dublin Black (P-51s) who led sqd. to target. 12 A/C released 24-500 GP bombs on M/T concentration at P-8-3757. 58 M/Ts were dest and 3 damaged and 1 tank dest. and 1 damaged. Bombing was excellent. Sqd. then strafed M/Ts claiming 48 M/Ts dest and 8 damaged; one heavy AA gun was dest. and 3 oil cans at P-8-7556 were seen to blow up. Sqd. also claim 100 German personnel killed. One of our A/C was damaged by flak and later crash landed at base. Pilot was uninjured.	1490
5	396	11	1430	1635	One A/C was late in taking off because of bomb falling off. A/C could not catch up with rest of sqd and returned early. Sqd. contacted Organ who directed sqd. to target - M/T concentration at Eisenbach P-8-36377. 6 A/C released 12-500 GP bombs and strafed 35 M/Ts at P-8-3636, claiming 30 dest. and 5 damaged. A A/C released 8-500 GP bombs and strafed 10 M/Ts at P-8-3636, claiming 10 M/Ts dest. and one horse-drawn cart also dest. Bombing was good. Sqd. then strafed and dest. 12 M/Ts at P-8-3654 and strafed and dest. 2 M/Ts and damaged 12 M/Ts at P-8-3654.	1455

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Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
6	397	10	1516	1706	One A/C aborted due to pilot error. Pilot did not bomb any targets in enemy territory. Pilot returned both bombs to base. Sqd. contacted Organ who sent sqd. north and then sqd. was directed by some 2512 to concentration of M/Ts. 2 A/C released 4-500 GP bombs on M/T concentration at P-8169 - HND. 4 A/C released 2-500 GP bombs on M/Ts concentration at P-8562, claiming 20 M/Ts dest. 2 A/C released 4-500 GP bombs on M/Ts at P-8263 - HND. 1 A/C released 2-500 GP bombs on M/Ts at P-8171 - HND. Most results were unobserved due to weather and flak in target area. 9 M/Ts were strafed and dest. at P-8567. Three gun positions were also silenced in this area.	1539

- A. : 14 A/C were damaged by flak. No enemy A/C were encountered on any of the missions. Medium bombers were seen to knock out bridges at P-854682 and P-849623. The whole area at P-8655 and P-8558 and P-860585 was observed to have many M/Ts bumper to bumper. Heavy M/Ts were observed going north at P-9152. The flak at P-819655 to P-859622 was light, intense and accurate; at P-8462 to P-8163 it was heavy, moderate and accurate; at P-8259 it was light, weak and accurate; at P-8771, P-8567, P-8854 and P-8172 it was intense, light and accurate. Some light flak was received from M/T concentration at P-8565 and P-8558. The weather was 3 to 9/10 stratus at 500 to 2000 feet during early part of the day. Later in the day it was 4 to 8/10 stratus from base to 7000 feet. Visibility was generally good to poor.
- B. : (i) 69 P47s (1 - Escort)
(68 - D/Bombers - Support 4th Infantry Division - Armed Recon over Vianden, Wittlich, Trier Areas)
- (ii) 66 - D/Bombers - Attached targets.
65 - Completed missions (1 A/C made forced landing on front lines due to flak damage)
- (iii) 3 - (b) 1-D/Bomber - Pilot returned with bombs from mission.
(c) 1-Escort - A/C lost one of its bombs at take-off. Failure of bomb locking device caused bomb to fall off. Pilot dropped other bomb, proceeded to take off but was too late, couldn't catch rest of squadron, so returned back to base.
(c) 1-D/Bomber - Carburetor fitting leaked, causing gas fumes to enter cockpit.
- (iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) 1 - (D/Bomber) A/C belly landed on front lines at P-8556 / fix given by Ripsaw). Forced landing was caused by flak damage.
(vii) 14 - Damaged by flak -
4-Cat. A.
3-Cat. AC.
1-Cat. E. (flak and belly landing)
1-Cat. AC (flak and belly landing)
- (viii) 69

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- G. : NIL
- D. : (i) 139:30
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 146200 rounds 50 cal.
(ii) 49245
(iii) 2120
- F. : (i) 136 - 500# GP bombs (AN M103-instant moe, AN M101A2-1/40 tail fusing)
(ii) 132
(iii) NIL
(iv) NIL
4-500# GP bombs returned to base by abortive A/C.
- G. : 1 - Pilot MIA - 1st Lt Robert D. Cassidy, O-387230.
Pilot was last seen to belly land his damaged A/C on the front lines at P-8556 (a fix given by Ripsaw). His A/C had been damaged by flak.
1 - Pilot SW - 2nd Lt Walter W. Scott, O-330338. Pilot was seriously injured when trying to land his damaged A/C on one wheel at the base. In landing, his A/C struck a parked B-24 and the pilot received his injuries from this collision.
- H. : NIL
- I. : 1. 412-C-196
2. 5-0-1
4. 3-0-0
6. 5-0-0
9. 2-0-0
13. 1-0-0
17. German Personnel and soldiers 150-0-0

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,
31 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

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

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : S E C R E T

Annex No. 1 to Oprep A No. 328 for 24 hours ending sunset 22 January 1945.
Field Order No. 176, Para. K, Mission W51-4, XIX Tactical Air Command.

A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 13 P47Ds (Alert Patrol) on a total of 4 squadron missions, 22 January 1945 to provide continuous patrol over airfield (Y-34) from first to last light. 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
1	395	4	0950	1215	Flight flew an uneventful patrol mission.
2	396	2	1205	1447	Flight flew an uneventful patrol mission.
3	397	3	1415	1616	Flight flew an uneventful patrol mission.
4	395	4	1555	1727	Flight flew an uneventful patrol mission.

A. : No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered on any of the missions. The weather was generally CAVU.

B. : (i) 13 P47Ds (Alert Patrol - Provide continuous patrol over airfield (Y-34) from first to last light)
(ii) 13 - Completed Missions.
(iii) NIL
(iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) NIL
(vii) NIL
(viii) 13

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- C. : NIL
- D. : (1) 26:30
(11) NIL
- E. : (1) 27560 rounds 50 cal.
(11) NIL
(111) NIL
- F. : NIL
- G. : NIL
- H. : NIL
- I. : NIL

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,
26 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprop 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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Oprop A No. 329 for 24 hours ending sunset 23 January 1945.
Field Order No. 177, Par. I, Mission DVZ-1, XIX Tactical Air Command.

A. The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 32 F47Ds (all B/Bombers) on a total of three squadron missions, 23 January 1945 to support the 4th Infantry Division. If no targets are assigned, squadrons will conduct armed recces over Trier, Wittlich and Vianden 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	396	12	0837	1022	At request of Organ, sqd. made a reccé of Vianden area and found no activity. Then a 1st led sqd. to a concentration of M/Ts. 12 A/C released 2x500 GP bombs on 60 M/Ts between P-3757 and P-3857. Bombing results were good with 16 M/Ts dest. and 4 damaged. Sqd. then strafed and dest. 15 M/Ts and damaged 10 in target area. 1 M/T was dest. by strafing at P-3860.	0900
2	397		0937	1103	Sqd. contacted Ripcow #3 who directed sqd. to target. 7 A/C released 2x500 GP bombs on 80-100 M/Ts at Dahnau P-36560, claiming 20 M/Ts dest. 1 A/C released 2x500 GP bombs on scattered vehicles at Erhausen P-91167, claiming 2 M/Ts damaged. Bombing was good.	0945



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Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
2	397				Sqd. then strafed and dest. 14 M/Ts 2 flak positions, one bldg, 6 tanks at P-9271. Five trailer trucks and 8 horse drawn vehicles (no horses) were also strafed and dest.	
3	395	12	1126	1312	8 A/C released 16-500# GP bombs on M/T convoy at P-384772. 12 A/C were dest. and 4 damaged. 4 A/C released 6-500# GP bombs on a 40 M/T convoy at P-952777, claiming 9 M/Ts dest. and 10 damaged. 4 houses were also dest. and 4 damaged at P-384772. 4 M/Ts were dest. 1 horse drawn vehicle dest. and 9 M/Ts damaged at P-952777. 3 light AA guns were also destroyed in this area.	

- A. : 11 A/C were damaged by flak. No abortive or E/A were encountered on any of the missions. The bridge at P-917470 appeared to be serviceable. Bridge just north of P-35368 appeared to be in use. Many M/Ts and tanks were seen in area of P-3860. Vehicles in area of P-384772 and P-952777 were camouflaged black to blond with road color. The flak between P-3562 and P-3438 was light, moderate to intense and accurate; at P-3860 it was light, intense and accurate; at P-9271 it was heavy, moderate and very accurate; at P-584772 and P-952777 it was light, intense and accurate. The weather was 7 to 9/10 stratus at 2-11,000 feet. Visibility was good.
- B. : (i) 32 B-7Ds (D/Bombers - Support the 4th Infantry Division - Armed Forces over Trier, Vianden and Wittlich Areas)
(ii) 32
(iii) NIL
(iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) NIL
(vii) 11 - Damaged by flak.
5 - Cat. A.
6 - Cat. AC.
(viii) 32
- C. : NIL
- D. : (i) 56:30
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 67840 rounds 50 cal.
(ii) 14205
(iii) NIL
- F. : (i) 64 - 500# GP bombs (AN M103-instant nose, AN M101A2-1/40 tail fusing)
(ii) 64
(iii) NIL
(iv) NIL

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G. : NIL
H. : NIL
I. : 1. 100-0-13
2. 7-0-0
6. 10-0-0
9. 1-0-0
13. 9-0-0
14. Houses 4-0-0 — 9

For the Commanding Officer:

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

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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 141, US Army,
27 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

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

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Control Section.

REF : S E C R E T

Oprep A No. 330 for 24 hours ending sunset 24 January 1945.
Field Order No. 173, Para. II, Mission SJX-1, XIX Tactical Air Command.

A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 23 P-47Ds (all D/Bombers) on a total of two squadron missions, 24 January 1945 to support the 4th Infantry Division. If no targets are assigned squadrons will conduct armed reconces in Trier, Vianden, Bitburg and Wittlich Areas. 23 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	12	1420	1557	12 A/C released 24-500# GP bombs on concentration of tanks and personnel at P-945795, claiming 7 M/Ts dest and 10 damaged. Bombing results were believed to be very good. 4 direct hits were observed and a large fire started in woods. Most results were not observed due to wooded area. Sqd. then strafed and dest. 2 M/Ts and damaged 1 M/T at P-935775. Three light AA guns were also strafed and dest. at P-9078.	1438
2	396	11	1439	1646	Sqd. worked with Organ on this mission. 11 A/C released 22-500# GP bombs on concentration of 75 M/Ts and fuel dump at P-9983. Bombing was good. A large gas fire (possible that it was a fuel dump) was started and 20 M/Ts were dest. A/C then strafed and dest. one large van at L-4233. 1 A/C landed at Y-330 when returning from mission believed due to radio trouble.	1510

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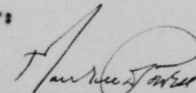
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- A. : No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered on any of the missions. Four to five tanks were observed in woods at L-0189. The flak at F-983777 was heavy, meager and accurate; at F-9993 it was light, intense and accurate; at L-0887 and F-9885 (H-8888) it was heavy, moderate and accurate. The weather was 2/10 at 4000 feet. Visibility was good.
- B. : (i) 23 P47Ds (D/Bombers - Support 4th Infantry Division - Armed, Reccees over Trier, Vianden and Wittlich Areas)
 (ii) 23 - D/Bombers - Attached targets - Completed Mission.
 (iii) NIL
 (iv) NIL
 (v) NIL
 (vi) NIL
 (vii) NIL
 (viii) 23
- C. : NIL
- D. : (i) 41:00
 (ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 48760 rounds 50 cal.
 (ii) 5437
 (iii) NIL
- F. : (i) 46 - 500# GP bombs (AN M103-instant nose, AN M101A2-1/H0 tail fusing)
 (ii) 46
 (iii) NIL
 (iv) NIL
- G. : NIL
- H. : NIL
- I. : 1. 30-0-11
 6. 3-0-0
 7. 1-0-0

For the Commanding Officer:


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

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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 1A1, US Army,
26 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprop A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 66th Statistical
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Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical
Control Section.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical
Control Section.

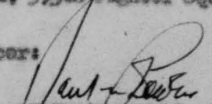
FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : Oprop A No. 331 for 24 hours ending sunset 25 January 1945.
Field Order No. 179, Para. J, Mission 278-1, XIX Tactical
Air Command.

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

H. : The following are additional claims which have never been
entered on the Oprop A Reports:On Oprop A No. 104 - 14 June 1944 -
(iii) 1-W 109 - 2nd Lt George L Sutcliffe, 397th Fighter Sqd.On Oprop A No. 110 - 20 June 1944 -
(i) 1-W 190 - 2nd Lt E M Rascal, 395th Fighter Sqd.On Oprop A No. 130 - 7 July 1944 -
(i) 1-W 190 - Capt. F M Potter, 397th Fighter Sqd.
(iii) 1-W 190 - 1st Lt Alfred E Benton, 396th Fighter Sqd.On Oprop A No. 195 - 11 September 1944 -
(i) 1-W 109 - 1st Lt James P Hogan, 397th Fighter Sqd.The following are deletions of claims that have been entered on
the Oprop A Reports:On Oprop A No. 100 - 10 June 1944 -
(iii) 1-W 109 - 2nd Lt W C Harlinger, 397th Fighter Sqd.On Oprop A No. 113 - 23 June 1944 - (Insufficient evidence)
(ii) 1-W 190 - Major Paul F Douglas Jr, 396th Fighter Sqd.
No encounter report submitted.On Oprop A No. 298 - 23 December 1944 -
(iii) 1-W 190 - 2nd Lt William J Wayland, 395th Fighter Sqd.
No encounter submitted.

For the Commanding Officer:


MAURICE H. CONELL
Captain, Air Corps,
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AFO 1A1, US Army,
29 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

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

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

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Oprep A No. 392 for 24 hours ending sunset 26 January 1945.
Field Order No. 180, Para. I, Mission FSP-1, XIX Tactical
Air Command.A. The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 29 F47Ds (25-
D/Bombers and 4 Escorts, each carrying 4-5 AR Rockets) on a
total of three squadron missions, 26 January 1945 to cooperate
with the 4th Infantry Division. If no targets are assigned,
squadrons will conduct armed recon over Trier, Vianden, Baden
Biburg and Wittlich Areas. 25 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/r
1	396	9	1451	1629	One A/C aborted shortly after take-off due to failure of transmitter. A/C returned 2x500 GP bombs to base. Sqd. contacted Riprav #5 who vectored sqd. to Hulpit who had a target but it was covered with a 10/10 overcast. Organ had target which was also covered with 10/10 overcast. Sqd. was recalled from target area but 8 A/C then released 16-500 GP bombs on town and bridge believed to be Mustert at L-4143. Bombing of bridge was excellent with bridge definitely cut in two and one end damaged by a direct hit. Two good hits were observed in town and a medium size fire was left burning.	1505

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Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
2	395	12	1514	1648	Sqd. was recalled from target area because of weather by Ripsaw #5. One A/C then released 2-500# GP bombs on supply boxes and cut tracks and on G/Ws at L-46037, destroying 3 G/Ws supply boxes and cut tracks. 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on M/T at L-52528 - NRO. 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on bridge (over river) at L-4043, a concrete pillar was knocked out but bridge still standing. 3 A/C released 6-500# GP on RR cars and tracks at L-3949. 3 RR cars were dest. and 2 damaged. Tracks were also cut. Bombing in general was good.	1550
3	397	8	1533	1640	Sqd. was vectored by Ripsaw #3. 1610 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs while under control of Ripsaw #3, on target believed to be in vicinity of L-6422. Bombing results were not observed because of bombing thru a 10/10 overcast. 4 A/C returned 16-5 th AR Rockets to base.	

A. : No damaged or EA were encountered on any of the missions. No flak was observed due to overcast of enemy territory. Two new bridges were observed at L-395400 and L-489451. The weather was 10/10 overcast with some clearing here and there, over target areas.

B. : (1) 29 F47Ds (4 - Escorts - each carrying 4-5th AR Rockets)
(25- D/Bombers - Cooperate with 4th Infantry Division. If no targets available, armed recess over Trier, Vianden, Bitburg, Badon and Wittlich Areas)

(ii) 28 - (4 - Escorts - Completed mission)
(24 - D/Bombers - Attacked targets)

(iii) 1 - D/Bomber - (c) Radio - Transmitter failure.
(iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) NIL
(vii) NIL
(viii) 29

C. : NIL

D. : (1) 51.90
(ii) NIL

E. : (1) 61480 rounds 50 cal.
(ii) NIL
(iii) NIL

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E. : (1) 16 - 5th AR Rockets
 (ii) NIL
 (iii) NIL
 16 - 5th AR Rockets returned to base.

F. : (1) 50 - 500# GP bombs (AN M103-instant nose, AN M101A2-1/40
 tail fusing)
 (ii) 48
 (iii) NIL
 (iv) NIL
 2-500# GP bombs returned to base by abortive A/C

G. : NIL

H. : NIL

I. : 4. 6-0-2
 5. 1-0-1
 7. 1-0-0
 11. 2-0-0
 14. 1

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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AFG 141, US Army,
28 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

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

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : Oprep A No. 333 for 24 hours ending sunset 27 January 1945.
Field Order No. 181, Para. K, Mission W51-5, 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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360TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 141, US Army,
29 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprop A Report. USAAF Form 94.

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 : 360th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : Oprop A No. 934 for 24 hours ending sunset 28 January 1945.
Field Order No. 182, Para. K, Mission W51-4, 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,
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APO 141, US Army,
1 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. 395 for 24 hours ending sunset 29 January 1945.
Field Order No. 189, Para. G, Mission W51-3, XIX Tactical Air Command.

A. The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 17 P47Ds (D/Bombers) on the first Group mission, 29 January 1945 to conduct armed recon over Wittlich, Neuwied (F-8104), Badem (L-9899), Limburg and Frankfurt Areas. If no targets are found in recon areas, Group will cut RR lines and also attack by strafing any rail targets found from Rhine River to Front lines on return to base. 17 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs. 17 A/C took off from Y-34 at 0937 and proceeded on mission as briefed. One A/C encountered an oil leak shortly after take-off and returned to base with 2x500# GP bombs. 16 A/C arrived over target area at 1100 and contacted Ripaw #5 for target assignment. 7 A/C released 14-500# GP bombs on M/Y at Kaiserlautern at R-020930-R-025932. Choke point was destroyed by two direct hits and tracks cut in four places. One locomotive (switch engine) and five cars were destroyed and three cars damaged. Two A/C released 4-500# GP bombs on M/Y at R-0329. Four direct hits were observed on RR tracks. 7 A/C released 14-500# GP bombs on M/Y at R-032930, containing 250-300 RR cars. Tracks (leading into yard and in yard) were cut in five places. 15 cars were destroyed and 25 damaged. One direct hit was observed on auto road. Two G/Ws were damaged by strafing. Bombing results in general were very good. Group of 16 A/C then left target area at 1130, landing at Y-34 at 1156. One A/C was damaged by flak on the mission. No E/A were encountered. The flak at R-025935 was light, moderate and accurate and heavy, weak and inaccurate. No observations were made due to weather. The weather was 10/10 stratus at 4-6000 feet except for a few breaks in the overcast. Visibility above overcast was good and poor beneath.

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- A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched 30 P47Ds (D/Bombers) on the second Group mission, 29 January 1945 to conduct armed recon over Frankfurt Area. If no targets are found, in recon area, Group will cut RR lines and also attack by strafing any rail movements found from Rhine River to Front lines on return to base. 30 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs. 30 A/C took off from Y-3h at 1337. 4 A/C aborted before reaching target. One due to pilot error, one mechanical trouble and 2 A/C as escorts to abortive A/C. Four abortive A/C returned 8-500# GP bombs to base. Group of 26 A/C then proceeded on mission as briefed. Group was vectored by Ripsaw #5 to St Vith Area. Group arrived over target area at 1350. 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on 100 scattered M/Ts at L-0281, claiming 6 M/Ts destroyed and 5 damaged. 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on M/Ts at L-0384, claiming 12 M/Ts destroyed and 3 damaged. 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on M/Ts at L-019812, claiming 8 destroyed and 10 damaged. 8 A/C released 16-500# GP bombs on 15 M/Ts at L-065890, claiming 6 M/Ts destroyed and 8 damaged. The highway was also cut in two places. 6 A/C released 12-500# GP bombs on 15-18 M/Ts at L-052905, claiming 10 M/Ts destroyed and 8 damaged. A/C then strafed and destroyed one M/T at L-0281 and 2 M/Ts destroyed at L-019812. Bombing in general was good. Group of 26 A/C then left target area at 1520, landing at Y-3h at 1554. One A/C nosed up on returning from mission due to flak damage. Four A/C were damaged by flak. No E/A were encountered on the mission. 75-100 scattered M/Ts were observed in area north of town. The flak at L-1578, 0679 and 0887 was heavy, moderate and accurate. The weather over target area was 3-6/10 stratus at 2-5000 feet. Visibility was fair.
- B. : (i) 17 P47Ds (D/Bombers - Armed Recon over Frankfurt Area - If no targets are found in recon area, Group will cut rail lines and attack by strafing rail targets found from Rhine River to Front Lines on return to base)
- (ii) 42 - D/Bombers - Attacked targets - Completed Missions.
- (iii) 5 - D/Bombers - (b) 1-Pilot error, improper operation of radio.
- (c) 2-011 leak in engine, No. 12 cylinder spark plug fouled causing rough engine.
- (d) 2-Escorts to abortive A/C.
- (iv) NIL
- (v) NIL
- (vi) NIL
- (vii) 5 - 4-Damaged by flak - 3-Cat. A, 1-Cat. AC.
- (viii) 1-Damaged by nose-up when returning from mission, Cat. AC.
- (viiii) 47
- C. : NIL
- D. : (i) 97:15
- (ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 99640 rounds 50 Cal.
- (ii) 5721
- (iii) NIL

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F. : (i) 94 - 500# GP bombs (AN M103-instant nose, AN M101A2-1/40
tail fusing)
(ii) 84
(iii) NIL
(iv) NIL
10-500# GP bombs returned to base by abortive A/C.

G. : NIL

Annex to Opreg A No. 271 - 26 November 1944.

1 - Pilot IIA - 2nd Lt. Boyd E. Johnson, O-768544. Pilot was slightly injured when he bailed in his A/C at K-945440. A/C had been damaged by enemy flak. Injuries required only first aid treatment.

H. : NIL

I. : 1. 45-0-34
3. 1-0-0
4. 20-0-30
10. 3-0-0
11. 14-0-0
14. 3.

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,
31 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.
TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical
Control Unit.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical
Control Section.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical
Control Section.
FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.
REF : Oprep A No. 336 for 24 hours ending sunset 30 January 1945.
Field Order No. 134, Para. E, Mission W51-3, 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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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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AFC 141, US Army.
1 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. 337 for 24 hours ending sunset 31 January 1945.
Field Order No. 185, Para. E, Mission J-29-5, 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
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Asst. Adjutant.



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