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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

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

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : SECRET

Oprep A Nol 366 for 24 hours ending sunset 1 March 1945. Field Order No. 215, para 3E, Mission PKP-1, XIX Tactical Air Command.

A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched 32 P47Ds (D/B) of the 397th Fighter Squadron on a total of 7 squadron missions, 1 March 1945, to cooperate with units of the VIII Corps, with 4 A/C flights at 30 minute intervals. 32 A/C each carried 2 x 500# GP bombs (Comp B). All flights took off and landed at Y-34. The data on these missions is as follows.

Missions No.	Sqd	A/C	Time Disp	Time Up	Time Down	Target	TOT
1	397	4	0908	1106		1 A/C released 2x500# GP bombs on M/Y at Pelm, L255880. Bombing was poor, both missed target. The flak was intense at this target. 3 A/C released 6x500# GP bombs on M/Y at Rengen, L360812. Bombing was poor, all bombs missed due to flak in area. The flight strafed and damaged 1 M/T at L-155646, damaged 8 M/T at L1569, destroyed 1 tank and 3 M/Ts at L145-625. Flight also strafed a possible ammo dump in area. Small fires were started.	0945
2	397	4	0930	1142		4 A/C released 8x500# GP bombs on 1045 tank and M/Ts at Merlenbach, L1773, bombing was poor, all bombs missed. The flight strafed and damaged 1 tank, and 1 house at L1773, damaged 3 M/Ts at L1870, destroyed 5 M/Ts and damaged 5 tanks and 3 M/Ts in area of L1689.	



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Mission No	Sqd	A/C Disp	Time Up	Time Down	Target	TOT
3	397	4	1000	1122	4 A/C released 8x500# GP bombs on tanks at L2263. Bombing was good with 1 tank destroyed and 1 tank damaged. Flight strafed and damaged 1 tank at L2263.	1100
4	397	4	1231	1405	4 A/C released 8x500# GP bombs on M/Y at Homberg, Q7280. Bombing was excellent with 1 shed, 18 G/Ws destroyed.	1330
5	397	4	1206	1428	4 A/C released 8x500# GP bombs on 2 tunnel entrances at L2637. Bombing was fair with many hits above and around target. The flight strafed a pile of logs (thought to be tanks) at L3371, NRO.	1240
6	397	4	1322	1505	4 A/C released 8x500# GP bombs thru overcast on unknown target instructions from controller Junkbon. NRO. This was a blind bombing mission due to bad weather over target area.	1430
7	397	8	1455	1630	8 A/C released 15x500# GP bombs on target at Pohlback, L3847. Bombing was excellent under control of Junkbon who said our A/C had done good work. This was a 584 blind bombing mission due to bad weather over target.	1550

One A/C was damaged by flak. No abortives or enemy aircraft encountered on any of the missions. The flak at L-255880 was very intense, accurate and light; at L360812 it was intense, accurate, and light; at L2350 it was fairly intense, fairly accurate, and light; at L3371 it was moderate, accurate and light. 40 enemy tanks were observed in woods at L1668. The weather was very unsatisfactory. It was 10/10 from 3000 feet to 7000 feet with some haze. Rain and ice were encountered.

Field Order No 215, para 3F, Mission DSM-1, XIX Tactical Air Command.

The 368th Fighter Group dispatched 28 P47Ds (D/B) of the 396th Fighter Squadron on a total of 7 squadron missions, 1 March 1945, to cooperate with units of XII Corps with 4 A/C flights at 30 minute intervals. 28 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs (Comp B). All flights took off and landed at Y-34. The data on these missions is as follows:

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Mission No	Eqd	A/C Disp	Time Up	Time Down	Target	TOT
1	396	4	0918	1102	4 A/C released 8x500# GP bombs on town of Sefferweich, L1363, Tanks, M/Ts and personnel were said to be in the town. Bombing was excellent. Town was leveled. Flight strafed and destroyed 5 tanks, 8 M/Ts, 1 horse-drawn vehicle and 1 gun position in are of L1564.	0930
2	396	4	0952	1145	4 A/C released 8x500# GP bombs on 10 tanks at Malbergweich, L1563. Bombing was fair with 3 tanks damaged. The flight strafed and destroyed 1 staff car, and damaged 1 tank, 1 halftrack, and 4 M/Ts at L1970.	1005
3	396	4	1038	1211	4 A/C released 8x500GP bombs on 4 tanks at Balesfeld, L1467. Bombing was poor, tanks were missed. The flight strafed the town of Etdorf, L1656 and started fires. Also strafed Kyllbur, L1861, NRO.	1052
4	396	4	1148	1331	4 A/C released 8x500# GP bombs on concentration of 12 tanks at L1663, north of Malbergweich, NRO. The flight strafed and destroyed 1 tank, damaged 5 tanks and killed 6 Germans soldiers at L-1562.	1203
5	396	4	1216	1356	4 A/C released 8x500# GP bombs on a target along the Moselle River, north of Trier, NRO. This was a 584 blind mission under control of controller, Junkbon. The weather over the target was 10/10.	1232
6	396	4	1321	1503	4 A/C released 8x500# GP bombs on town of Malbergweich, L1562. Bombing was very good. All bombs in town. 6 M/Ts destroyed. Flight strafed and destroyed 1 tank and damaged 2 tanks at L-1664, strafed and damaged 3 M/Ts at L-1466.	1336
7	396	4	1416	1520	1 A/C released 2x500# GP bombs on N. edge of Speicher, L2149, NRO. 3 A/C released 6x500# GP bombs on possible M/T concentration in woods at L2350, NRO due to bad weather.	1440

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One A/C was damaged by flak. No abortive or enemy aircraft encountered on any of the missions. The flak at L2359 was intense, accurate and light, at L2245, it was moderate, inaccurate and light. 12 enemy tanks were observed in vicinity of L1663. 20 M/Ts were seen in woods at L2359 at 1100 hours. 20 tanks and halftracks were seen in vicinity of L1870 at 1130 hours. The weather was 10/10 from 2000 feet base to 5000 foot top. Visibility was good earlier in day and becoming poor and some rain in the afternoon.

Field Order No 215, para 3G, Mission U29-2, XIX Tactical Air Command.

- A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched 30 P47Ds (D/E) of the 395th fighter squadron onto two squadron missions, 1 March 1945, to dive bomb Langenselbold, fuel storage at M-958747 and then conduct armed recon in the area of Langenselbold, Hamau, Friedburg, Giessen, Limburg and Koblenz. 30 A/C each carried 2 x 500# GP bombs (Comp B). The two missions took off and landed at Y-34. The data on these missions is as follows:

Mission No	Sqd	A/C Disp	Time Up	Time Down	Target	TOT
1	395	14	1036	1308	4 A/C released 8x500# GP bombs on Langenselbold fuel dump at M958747. Bombing was fair. RR track was cut in one place but no results were observed on the dump. Just as the flight completed its bomb run they were bounced by 4 FW 190s. The 10 A/C who hadn't bombed as yet immediately jettisoned their bombs and joined the encounter. There was a total of 15 FW 190s and ME 109s in the engagement. One of our A/C was seen being hit by and FW 190 the A/C caught fire and went down thru the overcast. This A/C did not return from the mission. 3 FW 190s and 1 ME 109 were destroyed and 1 FW 190 was damaged. The encounter took place at 6000 feet over M-958747	1130
2	395	16	1444	1627	16 A/C released 31x500# GP bombs on M/Y at M-545472. Bombing was good with tracks cut in 4 places, 2 fires started, 3 bldgs destroyed, choke point destroyed. Weather was 10/10 with one hole appearing over the target.	1540

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No abortive or damaged A/C encountered on the two missions. The flak at M-565485 and M-632425 was intense, inaccurate and light. The weather was 10/10 from 3000 to 6000 feet. Visibility below the clouds was 5 miles.

Field Order No. 215, para 3H, Mission P&PW-1, XIX Tactical Air Command.

- A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched 4 P47Ds (Leaflet Bombs) of the 397th Fighter Squadron, 1 March 1945, to drop P&PW bombs on Gerelstein, Stadtkyll, Budesheim, and Murlenbach. 4 A/C took off from Y-34 at 1202 and proceeded on mission as briefed. Each A/C carried 2-ZG61, 1 each of ZGS1, ZGS4, ZG112 and 2 Front Post leaflet bombs. 4 A/C arrived over target area at 1235. Vectored by Rip-saw #2, 1 A/C released 7 P&PW bombs at Murlenbach, 1 A/C released 7 P&PW bombs at Gerelstein, 1 A/C released 7 P&PW bombs on Budesheim and 1 A/C released 7 P&PW bombs on Stadtkyll. All A/C flew at 5500 feet when they released their bombs. 4 A/C left target area at 1245, landing at Y-34 at 1329. No abortive, damaged or enemy aircraft encountered on this mission. The weather over target area was 10/10 overcast at 4000 feet.
- B. : (i) 94 P47D 32 D/B to cooperate with units of the VIII Corps.
28 D/B to cooperate with units of the XII Corps.
30 D/B to divebomb Langenselbold fuel storage at M-958747 and to conduct armed recce in area of Langenselbold and Koblenz.
4 Leaflet bombers to drop P&PW bombs on designated targets.
- (ii) 94 80 D/B attacked targets.
10 D/B jettisoned bombs to engage E A/C
4 Leaflet bombers dropped their P&PW bombs on designated targets.
- (iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) 1 D/B (42-20627) A/C had just pulled out of bombing run and was hit by an attacking force of 4 FW 190s and was last seen smoking and on fire going thru an overcast. Engagement was at M958747.
- (vii) 2 D/B damaged by flak cat "AC".
(viii) 94
- C. : (i) 16-150 gal American type belly tanks, external.
78- 75 gal American type belly tanks, external.
(ii) 6 - 150 gal American type belly tanks, external.
14 - 75 gal American Type belly tanks, external.

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- D. : (i) 189:55
(ii) Nil.
- E. : (i) 199280 rds .50 cal.
(ii) 43048.
(iii) 2120.
- F. : (i) 180-500# GP bombs (Comp B) (AN M103 instant nose, AN M101
A2 1/40 tail fusing)
(ii) 158
(iii) 20
(iv) Nil 1 fell off on takeoff.
1 fell off after A/C was airborne.
(i) 28 P&PW Leaflet bombs.
8 - ZG61 4 - ZG112
4 - ZG81 8 - Front Post
4 - ZG84
(ii) 28
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
- G. : 1 - Pilot MIA, 1st Lt Hugh P. Matthews, 0796716, was attacked
by 4 FW-190s as he was pulling out of his dive-bomb run.
His A/C was last seen receiving hits, smoking and on fire,
going thru the overcast. Pilot stated over the RT he was
bailing out but was not seen by the other pilots. This en-
gagement took place over X-958747.
- H. : In the Air 4-0-1.
(i) 1 FW 190 Capt James M. Ivey Jr. 395th Fighter Squadron
1 FW 190 1st Lt William C. Diman, 395th Fighter Squadron
1 ME 109 2nd Lt Glen M. Bergman 395th Fighter Squadron
1 FW 190 1st Lt Louis L. Vieck, 395th Fighter Squadron
(ii) Nil
(iii) 1 FW 190 2nd Lt Robert D. Andrus, 395th Fighter Squadron
(iv) 15 FW 190s and ME 109s.
- I. : 1. 25-0-22
2. 9-0-20
4. 18-0-0
6. 1-0-0
7. 0-0-1
9. 4-0-1
11. 6-0-0
13. 2-0-0
14. 4
16. 1
17. German Personnel 6-0-0.

For the Commanding Officer:

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

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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUPAFPO 141, US Army.
7 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

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

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

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Oprep A No. 367 for 24 hours ending sunset 2 March 1945.
Field Order No. 216, Para. 9J, Mission AVT-1, XIX Tactical
Air Command.A. The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 40 P47Ds
(D/Bombers) of the 395th Fighter Squadron on 10 squadron
missions, 2 March 1945 to cooperate with Units of VIII Corps
with 4 A/C flights at 30 minute intervals. 40 A/C each carried
2500# GP bombs (comp. B). The 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	395	4	0716	0941	2 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on 4 M/Ts at L-2490. Bombing was good with fires started and 4 tanks damaged. 2 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on 2 M/Ts and trailer at L-1478. Target was also strafed. Bombing and strafing was fair with 2 M/Ts and trailer damaged. Flight also strafed and dest. 1 M/T at L-1680.	0845
2	395	4	0748	0951	4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on 15 G/Ws on single track at L-3680 - HRO.	0910
3	395	4	0825	1024	4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on tank and M/T concentration at L-1982. Bombing was fair with 3 tanks claimed as damaged.	0955

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Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
4	395	4	0858	1028	4 A/C released 8-500% GP bombs on 0950 2 tanks and 15 M/Ts at Eisenmitt, L-275610. Bombing was excellent. 2 tanks, 15 M/Ts and 8 houses dest. and 6 houses damaged. Flight then strafed and hit a light gun position at L-265610.	
5	395	4	1048	1237	1 A/C had generator trouble and aborted, jettisoning 2-500% GP bombs. 3 A/C released 6-500% GP bombs on smoked marked troops and supplies in town of Bassen L-118778. Controller said "mighty fine job". NRO. Flight then strafed and dest. 5 horse-drawn guns and 5 German personnel at L-1396.	1145
6	395	4	1118	1315	4 A/C released 8-500% GP bombs on 1230 town of Dendesseld L-281675. Bombing was very good. 3 fires were started 10 bldgs. and 2 M/Ts dest. and road cut in one place. Target was also strafed.	
7	395	4	1152	1344	4 A/C released 8-500% GP bombs on 1250 radio tower (target of opportunity) at L-2980. Bombing was excellent. Tower was destroyed. Flight also strafed and damaged 1 tank at L-2980.	
8	395	4	1218	1354	Flight made armed recon for flak 1320 east of Bitburg. Nothing found. 2 A/C released 4-500% GP bombs on town of Spang L-2454. Bombing was fair - 1 bldg. was damaged. 2 A/C released 4-500% GP bombs on gun position at L-2058 - NRO.	
9	395	4	1415	1604	4 A/C released 8-500% GP bombs on 1530 tanks in town of Marlen-Bach at L-1973. Bombing was very good with 3 tanks dest. and 3 houses dest.	
10	395	4	1643	1817	Because of 10/10 overcast, flight 1747 executed a 5th bling bombing mission under control of Junkbox. 4 A/C released 8-500% GP bombs thru overcast on town of Föhren L-3040. Controller reported excellent results. A large fire was observed in the town thru a break in the clouds.	

A. Three A/C were damaged by flak on these missions. No enemy A/C encountered. The flak at L-1882 and L-1982 was intense, accurate and light; at L-1668 it was weak, inaccurate and light; at L-2260 it was medium, accurate and light; at L-2357 it was weak, inaccurate and light. A large concentration of troops, tanks and M/Ts were observed at L-1982. The weather was generally 9 to 10/10 from 6000 feet, down to deck and getting 10/10 at 8000 feet with snow flurries in the afternoon. Visibility was poor throughout the day.

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A. Field Order No. 216, Para. 3K, Mission IOC-1, XIX Tactical Air Command.

The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 39 P47Ds (D/Bombers) of the 396th Fighter Squadron on 10 squadron missions, 2 March 1945 to cooperate with Units of XII Corps with 4 A/C flights at 30 minute intervals. 39 A/C each carried 8-500# GP bombs (Comp. B). All flights took off and landed at 1-34. 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	0721	0908	4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on town of Baden L-1956. Target requested by Controller Adam. Bombing was good with many good hits observed. Results were unobserved.	0736
2	396	4	0751	0956	4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on 4 M/Ts and small M/T at St Thomas L-1964. Bombing was very good with 2 M/Ts dest. 2 M/Ts damaged and a large fire in M/T started. Flight then strafed and damaged 3 M/Ts at L-1368.	0806
3	396	4	0835	0959	4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on 15 M/Ts at L-3142. Bombing was very good. 3 M/Ts were dest. 5 M/Ts damaged and fires were observed after bombing.	0850
4	396	4	0946	1140	2 A/C released 4-500# GP bombs on highway bridge across Moselle River at Piesport L-4143. Bombing was good with a direct hit, making a large hole in bridge. 2 A/C released 4-500# GP bombs on 12 M/Ts at Monzel L-4347. Bombing was good with 2 M/Ts dest. and one M/T damaged. Flight then strafed and dest. 4 M/Ts damaged 4 M/Ts at L-4347; 2 M/Ts dest. at L-4245.	1000
5	396	4	1034	1225	4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on 10 M/Ts at Hetzerath L-3442. Bombing was excellent with 10 bldgs. dest. and 10 M/Ts dest. The flight also strafed and dest. 2 M/Ts and damaged 2 M/Ts at L-4046. 7 bldgs. in woods at L-397483 were strafed with one bldg. dest. possibly an ammunition dump. 2 M/Ts were then strafed and dest. and 4 others damaged at L-3644; 3 M/Ts dest. at L-3845; 3 large vans dest. at L-3846.	1049
6	396	4	1045	1234	4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on communication facilities in town of Dudeldorf L-2153. Controller reported good bombing. Town was then strafed and 12 bldgs. dest. by both bombing and strafing attacks.	1100

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Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
7	396	4	1216	1404	3 A/C released 6-500/ GP bombs on town of Baden L-1956. Target was requested and marked with smoke by Controller "Smallhawk". Bombing was good with good hits observed. 1 A/C released 2-500/ GP bombs on woods at L-2654-NRO.	1236
8	396	4	1332	1452	3 A/C released 6-500/ GP bombs on town of Beilinger L-2351. Target was requested and marked with smoke by Controller "Smallhawk". Bombing was good with 2 hits observed in center of town and 4 hits noted on southeast edge of town. Town was also strafed. Controller said "Good Work". Flight strafed a 7 blde ammunition dump at L-397489-NRO.	1352
9	396	4	1259	1503	2 A/C released 4-500/ GP bombs on railroad bridge at L-3960. Bombing was poor. Bridge was missed. 2 A/C released 4-500/ GP bombs on M/T at Wengerschr L-4353. Bombing was good with 5 G/Ws dest. and 5 G/Ws damaged. Railroad cut in one place. Flight strafed and dest. 2 M/Ts at L-4366; 2 M/Ts dest at L-4451.	1319
10	396	4	1640	1818	4 A/C released 8-500/ GP bombs on town of Wetterich L-1854. Target was requested and marked with smoke by Controller "Smallhawk". Bombing was excellent with six direct hits in center of town. Upon request of Controller "Sam", flight made recon in vicinity of L-3556. Here the flight strafed and damaged 4 M/Ts.	1700

A. : No abortive or enemy A/C encountered on these missions. One A/C was damaged by Hebris and one A/C damaged by flak. The flak at L-1956 was moderate, accurate and light; at L-1964 it was intense, accurate and light; at L-4048 it was weak, inaccurate and light; at L-1854 it was weak, inaccurate and light. 75 M/Ts and armored vehicles were observed in vicinity of L-3142. 150 G/Ws were observed at L-3040. The weather was generally 8 to 10/10 from 2500 to 9000 feet. Visibility was good.

Field Order No. 216, Para. 3L, Mission J29-8, XIX Tactical Air Command.

The 368th Fighter Group dispatched 14 F47Ds (10 B/Bombers and 4 escorts) of the 397th Fighter Squadron on one squadron mission, 2 March 1945 to divebomb Langenselbold Fuel Storage at M-958747 and after bombing to conduct armed recon in area of Langenselbold, Hanau, Friedburg, Giessen, Limburg, and Koblenz. 10 A/C each carried 2x500/ GP bombs (acc² B.) 14 A/C took off from Y-34 at 0923 and proceeded on mission as briefed. 2 A/C (escorts) aborted one pilot became ill, the other as his escort. A/C returned to base. 12 A/C arrived over target area at 1030. 10 A/C released 20-500/ GP bombs on fuel dump at Langenselbold at M-958747. Bombing was excellent with 18 hits observed on target and one explosion noted. Fuel dump received considerable damage.

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- A. : Ripew #3 reported bandits in area of Koblenz and Frankfurt. Squadron could not locate them. Squadron of 12 A/C then left target area and landed at Y-34 at 1202. No damaged or enemy aircraft encountered on the mission. The flak at M-3976 was weak, inaccurate and heavy. The M/A at G-6722 was about 40% filled with G/As. The weather was 7-8/10 with base at 5000 feet and tops at 8000 feet. Visibility was poor.

Annex No. 1 to Field Order No. 216, Para 3P, Mission J29-X
XIX Tactical Air Command.

- A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched 4 F47Ds, of the 396th Fighter Squadron on a toss bomb mission, 2 March 1945 to attack Sotern M/T Depot at L-330991. Each A/C carried 2-500/ GP bombs (comp B.). 4 A/C took off from Y-34 at 1220 and proceeded on mission as briefed. The flight passed over enemy territory at 1241. Weather prevented attacking briefed target. Under control of Ripew #3, 1 A/C released 2-500/ GP bombs on buildings in vicinity of G-4473. Bombing was fair with trucks gut in 1 place. One A/C released 2-500/ GP bombs on overpass at G-4473. Bombing was good with overpass claimed damaged. Two A/C aborted and jettisoned 4-500/ GP bombs because of complete overcast of target area. Other bombing was executed thru a hole in overcast. Four A/C then left enemy territory at 1330, landing at Y-34 at 1407. No damaged or enemy aircraft encountered on the mission. The weather was 10/10 from 9000 to 9000 feet.

Annex No. 1 to Field Order No. 216, Para. 3S, Mission J29-12,
XIX Tactical Air Command.

The 368th Fighter Group dispatched 16 F47Ds (12-D/Bombers and 4-Escorts) of the 397th Fighter Squadron on a squadron mission, 2 March 1945 to divebomb Mainz M/T Repair Shops and after bombing to conduct armed recon in area of Mainz, Kasteln, Idsburg, Neuwied and Andernach. 12 A/C each carried 2-500/ GP bombs (comp. B). 16 A/C took off from Y-34 at 1340 and crossed over enemy territory at 1350. Arriving over target area at 1415, 8 A/C released 16-500/ GP bombs on 4 oil tanks in woods at M-390565. Bombing was very good. One tank was destroyed and 3 damaged and a large fire started. Upon examination of primary target, squadron observed some concealed buildings. 4 A/C then released 8-500/ GP bombs on these buildings thought to be repair shops at M-352570. Bombs fell in edge of woods and HRO. 16 A/C left enemy territory at 1510, landing at Y-34 at 1530. No abortive, damaged or enemy aircraft were encountered on the mission. The flak was very accurate, intense and heavy and also moderate, inaccurate and light at M-352570; at Frankfurt it was intense, inaccurate and heavy. The weather was 7 to 8/10, with base at 2500 feet and tops at 11000 feet. Visibility was fair.

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- E. : (i) 113 P47Ds (105 - D/Bombers
(8 - Escorts) - 40-D/Bombers to cooperate with
Units of VIII Corps)
39-D/Bombers to cooperate with
Units of XII Corps)
4-Escorts & 10-D/Bombers to dive-bomb
Langenselbold Fuel Storage and to con-
duct armed recon in area of Koblenz)
4-D/Bombers - Toss bomb
mission - to attack Sotern M/T Depot)
12-D/Bombers - and
4-Escorts - to divebomb
Mainz M/T Repair Shop and to conduct
armed recon over Andernach Area)
- (ii) 108 - 102-D/Bombers - Attached Targets.
6-Escorts - Completed missions.
- (iii) 5 - 2-(a)-D/Bombers - 10/10 overcast over target area.
1-(b)-Escort - Pilot became ill.
1-(c)-D/Bomber - Generator failure.
1-(d)-Escort - Escort to abortive A/C.
- (iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) NIL
(vii) 5 - 4-Damaged by flak, Cat. AC.
1-Damaged by flying debris, Cat. A.
(viii) 113
- C. : (i) 113 - 75 gallon American external belly tanks.
(ii) 2
- D. : (i) 220:30
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 239560 rounds 50 cal.
(ii) 32039
(iii) NIL
- F. : (i) 210 - 500# GP bombs (Comp. B) AN M103-instant nose and
AN M101A2-1/40 tail fusing)
(ii) 204
(iii) 6
(iv) NIL
- G. : NIL
- H. : NIL

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- 7. 2-0-1
- 9. 45-0-7
- 10. 1-0-0
- 11. 2-0-0
- 13. 5-0-0
- 14. 2
- 16. 2
- 17. German Personnel 5-0-0

For the Commanding Officer:

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

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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUPAFG 111, 25 Army,
9 March 1945.

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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.

REF : SECRET

Oprop A No. 368 for 24 hours ending sunset 3 March 1945.
Field Order No. 217, Para. 3A, Mission GHP-1, XIX Tactical Air Command.

A. : The 395th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 40 B-26s (D/Bombers) on a total of ten squadron missions of 4 A/C each, 3 March 1945 to cooperate with units of the VIII Corps with 4 A/C flights at 30 minute intervals. Flights took off and landed at Y-34. 40 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs (comp. B). The data on these operations is as follows:

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
1	395	4	0737	0930	One A/C released 2x500# GP bombs on 2 tanks at L-1983, claiming one tank dest. 3 A/C released 6-500# GP bombs and strafed loco and G/Ws at L-2179, claiming 1 loco dest and 10 G/Ws damaged. Bombing was good.	0825
2	395	4	0811	0958	4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on town of Kronenburg L-105970, claiming 3 bldgs. dest. and 3 W/Ws dest. Target was requested and smoked by fieldfare. Bombing was good. Flight then strafed following targets: - 2 W/Ws dest. and 6 damaged at L-115965; 3 horse-drawn carts dest. at L-1495; 4 personnel killed at L-1495; one personnel killed and 1 wagon dest. at L-1277.	



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Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/E
3	395	4	0853	1027	3 A/C released 6-500# GP bombs on town at L-215778 - NRO. One A/C released 2-500# GP bombs on town of Bischleick L-213780 - NRO. Flight then strafed vehicles between L-200750 and L-215800 claiming 2 M/Ts. Staff car dest. 3 tanks damaged and 5 horse-drawn wagons damaged. One loco dest. at L-213707 by strafing.	0925
4	395	4	0934	1117	4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on 4 M/Ts at L-105696. Bombing was poor target was missed. Flight then strafed targets between L-1627 and L-2070 claiming 2 M/Ts, one halftrack and 1 trailer dest. 2 guns (resembling old 75s) on carriages and 1 trailer were damaged.	
5	395	4	1040	1215	4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs and strafed tanks and M/Ts at L-2170. 3 halftracks and 1 large tank were dest. One tank and one large van were damaged. Bombing was very good.	1120
6	395	4	1134	1344	4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs thru overcast on town of Pohran L-3040 - NRO. due to 10/10 overcast over target area. This was a 50% blind bombing mission under control of Junkbox.	1315
7	395	4	1204	1346	2 A/C aborted - one due to radio failure and one as its escort. Both A/C jettisoned 2-500# GP bombs unaimed at 0-335 and returned to base. 2 A/C released 4-500# GP bombs on town of Pohran L-3040 - NRO. This was a 50% blind bombing mission under control of Junkbox.	1315
8	395	4	1235	1407	4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on unknown village. Bombs fell 300 yards south of village cutting road. Bombing was poor. This was a 50% blind bombing mission under control of Sawmill.	
9	395	4	1515	1721	4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on M/Ts and field guns at L-1973. Bombing was excellent with 19 M/Ts dest. and 18 horse-drawn field guns on carriages dest. Flight then strafed targets between L-1673 and L-1973 making following claims: 1 M/T tank and 3 M/Ts dest; 2 tanks and 8 M/Ts damaged; staff car and 10 horse-drawn wagons and horses dest; 10 M/Ts were also damaged.	

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Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
10	395	4	1629	1810	4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on concentration of M/Ts at L-2174, claiming 4 M/Ts dest. and 7 damaged. Flight then strafed targets at L-2174 claiming 9 M/Ts and 2 horse-drawn wagons dest. 2 guns on carriages and 10 M/Ts were damaged. Bombing was good.	1700

- A. : One A/C was damaged by flak. No enemy A/C were encountered on any of the missions. Many targets were observed in vicinity of L-2170. An M/T concentration noted at L-2083. The flak at L-1970 was light, moderate and accurate. The weather was 5 to 10/10 at 2-8500 feet. Visibility later in the day was poor.

Field Order No. 217, Para. 3B, Mission CHG-1, XIX Tactical Air Command.

- A. : The 396th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 43 F47Ds (D/Bombers) on a total of 11 squadron missions, 3 March 1945 to cooperate with Units of XII Corps with 4 A/C flights at 30 minute intervals. 43 A/C each carried 2-500# GP bombs (comp B). All 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	396	4	0753	0932	1 A/C released 2-500# GP bombs town of Baden at L-1956. Bombing was superior. 2 tanks, 3 flak guns dest. and a number of German personnel killed. 3 A/C released 5-500# GP bombs on tanks in woods at L-180550. One bomb did not explode. Target was requested and marked by smoke by Smallshack. Bombing was good with 1 tank dest. One bomb fell at L-2245 and did not explode.	0813
2	396	4	0822	1025	At request of Smallshack, 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on town of Orenhofen L-2245. Bombing was very good. 4 M/Ts dest. and all hits were in town. Flight also strafed the town and town of Speicher at L-2149 - HRO.	0842
3	396	4	0856	1032	At request of Smallshack, 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on town of Orenhofen L-2245. Bombing was good with all hits right in town. Town was also strafed.	0916
4	396	4	1016	1215	1 A/C aborted due to pilot error. 1036 2-500# GP bombs returned to base. 3 A/C released 6-500# GP bombs on 9 tanks in woods at L-188550. Bombing was poor - tanks were missed. Flight then strafed tanks, dest. 1 and damaged 6 others.	1036

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Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time o/T
5	396	4	1102	1228	4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on town of Talling L-4329. Bombing was good with 6 bldgs. dest. and 4 others damaged.	1150
6	396	4	1130	1320	4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on concentration of 7 tanks in woods at L-18853. Target requested by Smallshack. Bombing was excellent. Flight then strafed tanks and town of Badem L-1955 - RR0. One bomb did not explode.	1150
7	396	4	1245	1444	1 A/C released 2-500# GP bombs on tank at L-205488. Tank was missed but damaged by strafing. 1 A/C released 2-500# GP bombs on M/Ts at L-211487 damaging 2 M/Ts. 2 A/C released 4-500# GP bombs on tank at L-215480. Tank was damaged. Bombing in general was fair. Flight made A/R around Speicher before bombing targets.	1305
8	396	4	1312	1507	4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on gun emplacement at L-221495. Bombing was very good and emplacement and gun both dest. Flight strafed and dest. 1 M/T at L-211497; dest. two ammo carts at L-219493 by strafing.	1322
9	396	3	1517	1701	One A/C aborted due to mechanical trouble. returned 2-500# GP bombs to base. 1 A/C released 2-500# GP bombs on 12 artillery pieces at L-228562. Bombing was fair with at least 2 pieces damaged. 1 A/C released 2-500# GP bombs on AA positions at L-2257. Bombs did not explode.	1537
10	396	4	1601	1753	4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on 6 to 8 flak positions at L-2257. Bombing was fair with near misses and positions damaged. Flight also strafed 1 flak position at L-225490 which was destroyed.	1625
11	396	4	1639	1813	2 A/C released 4-500# GP bombs on 4 M/Ts at Seinsfeld L-2162. Bombing was good. 2 M/Ts were dest. and 2 damaged. 2 A/C released 4-500# GP bombs on Hqs. bldg. (Steinburn) at L-215491. Bombing was poor. Bldg. was then strafed and set fire. Explosions resulted. Controller said "Good job".	1659

A. Two A/C were damaged by flak. No enemy A/C were encountered on any of the missions. The flak at Dudeldorf was medium, accurate and light; at L-1955 it was medium, inaccurate and light; at L-2149 it was weak, and light and inaccurate; at L-2555 and L-2558 it was moderate, fairly accurate and light. Enemy tanks were observed at Gindorf. The weather was CAVU on first mission and then 3 to 8/10 from 3000 base to tops of 8000 feet on rest of mission. Visibility was generally good.

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A. Field Order No. 217, Para. 3C, Mission SWB-1, XIX Tactical Air Command.

The 397th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 44 B-17Ds (D/Bombers) on a total of 11 squadron missions, 3 March 1945 to cooperate with Units of XX Corps with 4 A/C flights at 30 minute intervals. 44 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs (Comp. B). All 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/E
1	397	4	0814	0928	4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on town of Greimerath L-299076. Bombing was fair with 2 houses dest. and 20 damaged. The flight then strafed and dest. rocket launcher in woods at L-240082. Also strafed german personnel at edge of woods at L-2408 - NRC. Town of Greimerath was also strafed - NRC.	0835
2	397	4	0852	1034	2 A/C released 4-500# GP bombs on 25 G/Ws at L-345455. Bombing was very good, 6 G/Ws dest. and 10 damaged and tracks cut in 2 places. 2 A/C released 4-500# GP bombs on 15 G/Ws at L-3242. Bombing was very good with 6 G/Ws dest., 5 damaged and tracks cut in 1 place.	
3	397	4	0916	1053	1 A/C released 2-500# GP bombs on 3 tanks and 4/12s (which were marked by smoke by Controller Default) at L-2809. Bombing was poor. All were near misses. 3 A/C released 6-500# GP bombs on 20 G/Ws at L-2601. Bombing was poor - target missed. The 20 G/Ws were then strafed and damaged.	
4	397	4	1017	1115	4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on 20 G/Ws at Loshain L-2601. Bombing was poor - target missed, largely due to strong wind blowing over target. The 20 G/Ws were then strafed and damaged. Target was requested by Controller - Shotsilk.	
5	397	4	1103	1226	3 A/C released 6-500# GP bombs on 25 G/Ws at L-261009. Bombing was poor - target missed. Flight then strafed G/Ws but NRC. 1 A/C released 2-500# GP bombs on Loshain L-2801. Bombing good with 4 bldgs. dest.	

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Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
6	397	4	1141	1310	4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on town of Kell at L-340156. Bombing was good with a good concentration on town, 8 bldgs. dest. and 7 damaged. The flight then strafed following targets in vicinity of Losheim: 3 barracks damaged; 2 M/Ts, 12 RR coaches and bldg. damaged; 1 small loco dest. and town was strafed - NRO. Flight made recon north but no activity observed.	
7	397	4	1214	1345	Flight attacked targets of opportunity. 1 A/C released 2-500# GP bombs on town of Dekond L-329995-NRO. 1 A/C released 2-500# GP on town of Rievenich L-360425. 2 bldgs. dest. 1 A/C released 2-500# GP bombs on RR track at L-342450 - near misces. 1 A/C released 2-500# GP bombs near river at L-350335 - NRO. Bombing was fair.	1320
8	397	4	1242	1433	Flight made A/R northeast of Trier 2 A/C released 3-500# GP bombs on woods at L-2742. thought to be tanks. NRO. 2 A/C released 5-500# GP bombs (1 A/C released 1 bomb on each target) on town of Dräiss L-345495. Bombing was good. 10 bldgs. dest. and unknown number of M/Ts damaged and covered with debris.	1350
9	397	4	1523	1648	4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on M/T at L-4512. Bombing was good with 6 G/Ws dest. 4 damaged, and tracks cut in 4 places. Flight strafed road between L-4512 and L-4317 on which there were some 60 scattered vehicles. 20 M/Ts were dest. and 20 damaged.	
10	397	4	1620	1735	4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on 30 M/Ts at L-435153. Bombing was fair with 10 M/Ts damaged. Flight strafed and dest. 4 M/Ts and damaged 17 M/Ts at L-435153; one loco strafed and dest. at L-4218.	
11	397	4	1641	1808	4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on town of Thalfang L-468285. Bombing was very good with all bombs on target area. 2 bldgs. were dest. Flight strafed tower at L-490274 and damaged it, also strafed barracks at L-490262 which were also damaged.	

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- A. : No abortive or enemy aircraft were encountered. One A/C was damaged by flak. The flak at Q-2499 was medium, inaccurate and light; at L-345455 it was intense, accurate and light; at L-31440 it was moderate, accurate and light; at L-370558 it was intense, inaccurate and light. Some enemy vehicles were seen in vicinity of L-3445. 35 G/Ws were observed in M/I at Bushfield L-3700. The weather was generally 8 to 10/10 with base at 3000 feet, tops at 8000 feet, with rain and snow encountered in the afternoon.

Field Order No. 217, Para. L, Mission, J2969, XIX Tactical Air Command.

- A. : The 396th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group dispatched 4 P-47Ds on a toss bomb mission, 3 March 1945 to dive-bomb Sothern M/T depot. 4 A/C each carried 2-500# GP bombs (comp. B). 4 A/C took off from Y-34 at 1012 and arrived over enemy territory at 1029. The primary target was covered by overcast. 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on 4 buildings at L-5043. Bombing was fair with one building claimed destroyed. Two bombs failed to explode. 4 A/C left target area at 1200, landing at Y-34 at 1218. No abortive, damaged or enemy A/C were encountered on this mission. The weather was 10/10 with breaks appearing over target of opportunity.
- B. : (i) 131 P-47Ds - (40-D/Bombers - to cooperate with Units of VIII Corps)
(43-D/Bombers - to cooperate with Units of XII Corps)
(44-D/Bombers - to cooperate with Units of XX Corps)
(4-D/Bombers - to execute toss bomb mission and to attack Sothern M/T Depot)
- (ii) 126 - D/Bombers - Attacked targets - Completed Missions.
(iii) 5 - D/Bombers - 1-(b)-Pilot error - returned because of mis-reading gas gauge.
1-(d)-Escort to abortive A/C.
3-(c)-1-Radio wouldn't transmit and receiver was weak.
1-Rough engine - fouled spark plugs.
1-Bombs did not explode after falling on target.
- (iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) NIL
(vii) 4 - Damaged by flak - 1 Cat. A, 3 Cat. AC.
(viii) 131
- C. : (i) 131 - 75 gallon American external belly tanks.
(ii) NIL
- D. : (i) 23845
(ii) NIL

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- E. : (i) 277720 rounds 50 cal.
(ii) 82556
(iii) NIL
- F. : (i) 262 - 500# GP bombs (Comp. B) AN M103-instant nose,
AN M101A2-1/40 tail fusing)
(ii) 247
(iii) 4 - by abortive A/C
(iv) NIL
4-Returned to base by abortive A/C
7-Bombs did not explode when hitting target.
- G. : NIL
- H. : NIL
- I. : 1. 30-0-96
2. 11-0-14
3. 4-0-0
4. 18-0-61
6. 23-0-14
9. 35-0-51
10. 1-0-0
11. 7-0-0
13. 34-0-9
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17. German Paracomet 5-0-0

For the Commanding Officer:

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

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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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AFC 141, US Army
9 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAF Form 34A.

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

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : SECRET

Oprep A No. 369 for 24 hours ending sunset 4 March 1945.
VOCG, XIX Tactical Air Command.

- A. : Two P-47Ds of the 396th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from Y-34 at 1444, 4 March 1945 to conduct a weather recon over target area. Flight of 2 A/C proceeded on mission as briefed, arriving over enemy territory at 1515. Flight was under control of Ripsaw #3. Visibility was one and one-half miles at 1500 feet in area from Bitburg to Saarlautern. Mission was uneventful. Flight of 2 A/C left enemy territory at 1600, landing at Y-34 at 1608. No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. The flak at L-3066 was weak, inaccurate and heavy. Four layers of clouds encountered up to 16000 feet. Each layer was 500 to 1000 feet thick. The weather was generally 10/10 at 2000 feet. Visibility was poor.
- B. : (i) 2 P-47Ds - (Weather Recon over target Area)
(ii) 2 - Completed mission
(iii) NIL
(iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) NIL
(vii) NIL
(viii) 2
- C. : NIL
- D. : (i) 3400
(ii) NIL

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

F. : (i) NIL
(ii) NIL
(iii) NIL
(iv) NIL

G. : NIL

H. : NIL

I. : NIL

Field Order No. 28, Para. 3I, Mission WIR-1,
XIX Tactical Air Command.

This Group did not execute any missions on the above
Field Order.

For the Commanding Officer:

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

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368th FIGHTER GROUPAFG 141, US Army.
10 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USMAF Form 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical
Control Unit.
Commanding 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. 370 for 24 hours ending sunset 5 March 1945.
VOCG, XIX Tactical Air Command.A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 4 P-47Ds
on two squadron missions of 2 A/C each, 5 March 1945 to conduct
a weather recon over Trun, Merzig, Trier, Saarlautern, Mayen
and Wittlich Areas. 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	0736	0836	Flight under control of Pipsaw #3 flew to Trun, Merzig, and Trier Areas. Over entire area the weather was 10/10 cumulus overcast at 5700 to 7000 feet. Visibility south of Trier was 4 miles and 4-5/10 cumulus at 2-5700 feet. Visibility was one mile. Mission uneventful.	0745
2	395	2	1445	1612	Flight under control of Pipsaw 1430 #3 flew to Saarlautern, Bitburg, Pfen, Mayen and Wittlich Areas. Over Saarlautern it was 8/10 at 2-4000 feet. Over Bitburg it was 9/10 at 2-4000 feet. Scattered rain encountered thru out mission. Mission was uneventful.	

A. : No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered on any of the missions.

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- B. : (1) 4 H7Ds (Weather Recce over Bitburg, Elna, Merten, Saarlautern, Wittlich, Trier and Herzig Areas)
- (ii) 4 - Completed missions.
- (iii) NIL
- (iv) NIL
- (v) NIL
- (vi) NIL
- (vii) NIL
- (viii) 4
- C. : NIL
- D. : (1) 5:30
- (ii) NIL
- E. : (1) 8480 rounds 50 cal.
- (ii) NIL
- (iii) NIL
- F. : NIL
- G. : NIL
- H. : NIL
- I. : NIL

Field Order No. 219, Para 3I, Mission SAF-1, Para. 3J, Mission FGX-1, Para. 3K, Mission P and PW, XIX Tactical Air Command.

This Group did not execute any missions on the above Field Order.

For the Commanding Officer:

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

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APG 142, US ARMY.
8 March 1945.

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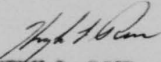
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Control Unit.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical
Control Section.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical
Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : Oprep A No. 371 for 24 hours ending sunset 6 March 1945.
Field Order No. 220, Para. I, Mission EYE-1, Para. J,
Mission DRS-1, XIX Tactical Air Command.

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

For the Commanding Officer:


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

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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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AFG 141, US Army,
8 March 1945.

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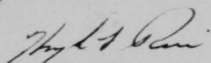
TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical
Control Unit.
Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical
Control Section.
Commanding General, 100th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical
Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : Oprep A Report No. 372 for 24 hours ending sunset 7 March 1945.
Field Order No. 221, Para. G, Mission HAF-1, Para. H, Mission
KIR-1, Para. I, Mission J29-5, Para. J, Mission P and PW,
XIX Tactical Air Command.

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

For the Commanding Officer:


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

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368th FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 141, US Army,
9 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

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

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : Oprep A No. 373 for 24 hours ending sunset 8 March 1945. Field Order No. 222, Para. H, Mission RGE-1, Para. I, Mission TIE-1, Para. J, Mission J29-6, Para. K, Mission P & PW, XIX Tactical Air Command.

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

For the Commanding Officer:

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

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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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AFPO 141, US Army
11 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

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

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : SECRET

Oprep A Report No. 374 for 24 hours ending sunset 9 March 1945.
Field Order No. 224, Para. 3K, Mission FMA-1, XIX Tactical Air Command.

A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 32 F47Ds (D/Bombers) on five squadron missions, 9 March 1945 to provide armored column cover for Units of the 4th Armored Division with 8 A/C flights at 30 minute intervals. If no targets are assigned by Controllers, squadrons will conduct armed recon along highways in area of columns advance. 16 A/C carried a total of 24-500# GP bombs. 16 A/C carried a total of 32-500# GP bombs (comp B). 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	4	0942	1052	4 A/C jettisoned 8-500# GP bombs (comp. B) safe at U-8351 and returned to base. Bombs were jettisoned because of weather. Flight flew as far east as Adensu-L-4249. No suitable targets were observed in entire area due to 10/10 overcast. Flight gave weather data to Ripsaw.	1020
2	396	4	0928	1056	Flight encountered 10/10 overcast over target area. Weather data was given to Ripsaw. Because of weather, 4 A/C jettisoned 8-500# GP bombs (comp. B) safe at U-8351 and returned to base.	Nil

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Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
3	397	8	1318	1506	2 A/C aborted - one A/C encountered prop governor failure and one A/C as its escort. 2 A/C returned 4-500 GP bombs to base. Flight under control of Ripaw #3. Original target covered by overcast. 3 A/C then released 6-500 GP bombs on group of 10 warehouses at M-215975. at least 2 direct hits were noted and 2 fires started - rest NRO. Bombing was fair. 3 A/C released 2-500 GP bombs and 4-500 GP bombs (comp. B) on M/A at Limburg. One hit observed in center of car concentration - NRO. One small bldg. was dest. by fire. Some hits were observed on large bldgs. rest NRO. Bombing was good. The 2 abortive A/C when returning to base were asked to search for bandits in vicinity of Thonville but were not located.	1410
4	395	8	1349	1545	One A/C aborted due to icing. A/C jettisoned 2-500 GP bombs safe at U-8353. 7 A/C released 12-500 GP bombs (comp B) and 2-500 GP bombs on town of Wittlich L-3954 - NRO. This was a 58th blind bombing mission under control of Controller Junkbox.	1510
5	396	8	1514	1735	Original target covered by 10/10 overcast. Flight then flew armed recce to Koblenz, Limburg Area. 3 A/C released 8-500 GP bombs on loco and 50 G/Ws at M-2387-Zollhaus. Results were poor. Train was seen to stop but no claims made. No strafing done due to flak. 2 probable MG 262s were seen on deck south of Limburg. E/A beat it and no encounter was made.	1630

- A. No damaged or E/A were encountered on any of the missions. Some A/C were seen on A/D at Limburg. Heavy rail activity noted SE of Koblenz. A new airstrip was noted at M-1787. The flak at M-0590 was light, moderate and accurate; at M-2386 it was light, intense and inaccurate and at M-2197 it was moderate, light and fairly accurate. The weather was 10/10 at 3 to 6000 feet and CAVU above overcast. Some icing encountered. Weather affected the success of these missions.
- B. (i) 32 F47Ds - D/Bombers (To provide armored column cover for Units of 4th Armored Division. If no targets are assigned, squadrons to conduct armed recce along all highways in area of columns advance)
- (ii) 21 - D/Bombers - Attacked targets - Completed Missions.

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- B. (iii) 11 - D/Bombers - 9-(a) 8 due to weather over target areas and 1 due to icing.
1-(c) Prop governor failure.
1-(d) Escort to abortive A/C
- (iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) NIL
(vii) NIL
(viii) 32
- C. (i) 32 - 75 gallon American external belly tanks.
(ii) NIL
- D. (i) 62:00
(ii) NIL
- E. (i) 67840 rounds 5 0 cal.
(ii) 400
(iii) NIL
- F. (i) 56 - 500# GP bombs (32-Comp. B) AN M103-instant nose, AN M101A2-1/40 tail fusing)
(ii) 34 - (16 Comp. B)
(iii) 18 - (16 Comp. B)
(iv) NIL
4 returned to base by 2 abortive A/C
- G. NIL
- H. NIL
- I. 9. 1-0-0
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Field Order No. 224, V000, XIX Tactical Air Command.

- A. One P47D of the 396th Fighter Squadron, of the 368th Fighter Group took off from Y-34 at 1230, 9 March 1945 to conduct a weather recon over target area in vicinity of Trier. A/C flew weather recon to vicinity of Trier and then returned to base, landing at Y-34 at 1315. No damaged, abortive or E/A encountered. The weather was 10/10 stratus, base 400 feet to tops of 4500 feet and CAVU above overcast.
- B. (i) 1 P47D (Weather Recon in vicinity of Trier)
(ii) 1 - Completed mission
(iii) NIL
(iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) NIL
(vii) NIL
(viii) 1

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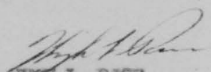
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C.	:	NIL
D.	:	(1) 0415 (11) NIL
E.	:	(1) 2120 rounds 50 cal. (11) NIL (111) NIL
F.	:	NIL
G.	:	NIL
H.	:	NIL
I.	:	NIL

For the Commanding Officer:


RUSS L. RICE
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

02

AFG 141, US ARMY,
13 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report, USAF Form 344.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 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. 375 for 24 hours ending sunset 10 March 1945.
Field Order No. 225, Para. 31, Mission J29-6 and Para. 31,
Mission J29-7, XIX Tactical Air Command.

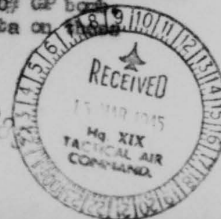
A. 12 B-7Ds (D/Bombers) of the 395th and 11 B-7Ds (D/Bombers) of the 396th Fighter Squadrons of the 368th Fighter Group took off from Y-34 at 1250, 10 March 1945 to conduct armed recon over Koblenz, Linz, Siegen, Witzlar, Limburg, Mistein, Lorch and Bad Schwalbach Areas. 23 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs. Squadron of 23 A/C proceeded on mission as briefed, arriving over enemy territory at 1315. Squadron orbited for one hour over target area in search for break in clouds. At 1415, 22 A/C released 4x-500# GP bombs on town believed to be Kemberg M-3889. Bombing was fair. At least three fires were started in town and much smoke observed. Hits were observed on active refinery type factory and on road in center of town. Rest of bombing - IRO. Bombs on one A/C hung-up because the voltage regulator burned out causing the bomb release not to operate. This A/C jettisoned 2-500# GP bombs safe at U-8353. 23 A/C left target area at 1455, landing at Y-34 at 1530. No damaged or enemy A/C were encountered. The flak at M-2496 was weak, heavy and inaccurate. The weather was 10/10 from 2000 to 7000 feet. Visibility was good.

Field Order No. 225, Para. 3J, Mission J29-8, XIX Tactical Air Command.

A. The 397th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 24 B-7Ds (D/Bombers) on two squadron missions of 12 A/C each, 10 March 1945 to conduct armed recon over Munkirchen, Homburg, Kerserlautern, Bingen, Bad Kreuznach and Rohfelden Areas. 24 A/C each carried 1x500# GP bombs. Squadrons took off and landed at Y-34. The data on these operations is as follows:

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Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
1	397	12	1158	1407	12 A/C released 12-500# GP bombs on supply depot at Vogelback at Q-786873. Bombing was good with all bombs in target area. Some fires were started and one shed dest. Most results obscured by smoke. Sqd. then flew armed recon throughout area below overcast and strafed and dest. a radio station at Dilberg Q-418818. Storage tanks in town were also strafed and seen to burn. Warehouses were strafed-NRO. 3 M/Ts were strafed, 1 dest. and one damaged in area. 2 M/Ts were strafed and dest. at L-7424.	1230
2	397	12	1508	1622	12 A/C released 12-500# GP bombs on town of Weiskirchen L-3407. NRO due to complete overcast over target area. This was a 584 blind bombing mission under control of Samml.	1610

- A. : Two A/C were damaged by flak. No abortive or E/A were encountered on any of the missions. Four pill boxes with 88s were seen at Q-4179. M/T at L-5509 appeared to be active. The flak at Q-8861 was heavy, moderate and very accurate; at Q-7887 it was intense, inaccurate and light. The weather was 10/10 with very few breaks, at 3 to 7000 feet. Visibility was poor.

Field Order No. 225, Para. 3L, Mission P & RW, XIX Tactical Air Command.

- A. : Four B-17Ds (L-Bombers) of the 395th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from Y-34 at 1513, 10 March 1945 to drop P & RW leaflet bombs over Reinfeld L-3820, Heidenburg L-4135, Bausendorf L-4757, Bernastle L-5346 and Cochem L-5971. 4 A/C carried a total of 28 leaflet bombs - (12-Front Post, 7-20-61, 1-20-90 and 8-20-108). Flight proceeded on mission as briefed, arriving over enemy territory at 1525. Flight was vectored by Rip saw #5 over overcast. Flight of 4 A/C then released leaflet bombs over following areas: - 6-leaflet bombs over L-3821, 6 leaflet bombs at L-4133, 2 leaflet bombs at L-5346, 8 leaflet bombs at L-4657, and 6 leaflet bombs at L-5047. Flight then left enemy territory at 1635, landing at Y-34 at 1650. No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. The weather was 6/10 at 3-4000 feet and 10/10 at 5-7000 feet. Visibility was good.

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- B. (i) 51 B/70s (4 - Leaflet bombers to drop P&W leaflet bombs over designated points)
 (24 - D/Bombers To conduct armed recon over Neunkirchen, Bingen and Nohfelden)
 (23 - D/Bombers - To conduct armed recon over Siegen, Limburg, Koblenz, Idstein and Lorch)
 (ii) 50 - (4 - Leaflet bombers - Dropped P & W on targets and completed mission)
 (16 - D/Bombers - Attacked targets - Completed Missions)
 (iii) 4 - D/Bombers - (c) Voltage regulator bad - burned out causing electrical system to fail and bombs did not release when pilot divebombed the target.
 (iv) NIL
 (v) NIL
 (vi) NIL
 (vii) 2 - Damaged W flak, Cat. A.
 (viii) 51
- C. (i) 27 - 75 gallon American external belly tanks.
 (ii) NIL
- D. (i) 11945
 (ii) NIL
- E. (i) 108120 rounds 50 cal.
 (ii) 6790
 (iii) NIL
- F. (i) 70 - 500# GP bombs (AN M103-instant nose, AN M101A2-1/10 tail fuze)
 (ii) 68
 (iii) 2 - by abortive A/C
 (iv) NIL
 (i) 28 - P & W Leaflet bombs -
 (12 - Front Post)
 (7 - 2G-61)
 (8 - 2G-108)
 (1 - 2G-90)
 (ii) 28
 (iii) NIL
 (iv) NIL
- G. NIL
- H. NIL

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For the Commanding Officer:

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

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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

02

APO 141, US Army,
12 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAF Form 30A.

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. 376 for 24 hours ending sunset 11 March 1945.
Field Order No. 226, Para. 30, Mission J29-6, Para. 31,
Mission J29-7, Para. 31, Mission J29-8, XIX Tactical
Air Command.

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

For the Commanding Officer:



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

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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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AFO 141, US Army,
13 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

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

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : Oprep A No. 377 for 24 hours ending sunset 12 March 1945.
Field Order No. 227, 3H, Mission J29-7, Para. 3I, Mission
J29-8, Para. 3J, Mission J29-9, XIX Tactical Air Command.

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

For the Commanding Officer:

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

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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 141, US Army,
17 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

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

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

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Oprep A No. 378 for 2 1/2 hours ending sunset 13 March 1945.
Field Order No - V03G, XIX Tactical Air Command.

A. The 368th Fighter Group dispatched 4 P-47Ds of the 395th Fighter Squadron and 4 P-47Ds of the 397th Fighter Squadron, 13 March 1945 to intercept enemy aircraft reported to be north of field and to execute alert patrol. Both 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 over Target
1	397	4	1129	1229	Flight contacted Ripsaw #5 who vectored them to Saarbruehen and then to Thionville. No enemy aircraft were seen on patrol.	
2	395	4	1136	1233	Flight under control of Ripsaw #5 flew north of Toul - to Verdun - then west. No enemy aircraft were seen.	

A. No damaged, abortive or enemy aircraft were encountered on these flights. A large explosion was observed in area believed to be in vicinity of Kaiserslautern. The weather was 8/10 at 1000 feet in Saarbruehen area and haze up to 4000 feet throughout patrols.

B. (i) 8 P-47Ds (to intercept reported enemy aircraft and execute alert patrol)
(ii) 8
(iii) NIL
(iv) NIL

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B. : (v) NIL
(vi) NIL
(vii) NIL
(viii) 8

C. : NIL

D. : (i) 8:00
(ii) NIL

E. : (i) 16960 rounds 50 cal.
(ii) NIL
(iii) NIL

F. : NIL

G. : NIL

H. : NIL

I. : NIL

Field Order No. 228, para. 31, Mission J29-7, XIX Tactical Air Command.

A. : The 397th Fighter Squadron of the 96th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 30 B-26s (D/Bombers) on a total of two squadron missions, 19 March 1945 to attack Friedburg M/T Repair Shops at N-723923 and after completion of bombing, squadron to conduct armed recon in areas of Friedburg, Giessen and Koblentz. 30 A/C carried a total of 46x500 GP bombs. Squadron took off and landed at Y-34. The data on this operation is as follows:

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
1	397	16	1336	1605	16 A/C released 32-500 GP bombs on Friedburg M/T shop at N-723923. Bombing was excellent with 29 hits right on target proper. Much smoke and several bldgs. on fire were observed. The sqd. strafed and dest. one loco at G-665015. Also strafed and dest. one halftrack with gun, 2 passenger busses, 7 M/Ts and one trailer at G-1802.	1425
2	397	14	1702	1847	Ripsaw #5 changed primary target. 14 A/C released 14-500 GP bombs on small M/T at Dirmigen, G-4791. Bombing was good with 2 hits and tracks cut in M/T. 15 G/Ws of the 20 G/Ws in M/T were dest. 65 G/Ws were damaged by strafing in area.	1740

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- A. : No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered on these missions. The flak at Limburg was medium, inaccurate and light; at M-7292 it was weak, inaccurate and light. 20 barges were observed on Rhine River at F-7012 (possibly allied barges). The weather was OAVU with haze layer up to about 5000 feet.

Field Order No. 228, para. 3I, Mission J29-8, XIX Tactical Air Command.

- A. : The 395th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 32 P-47s (D/Bombers) on a total of two squadron missions, 13 March 1945 to attack Wiesbaden Supply Depot at M-366632 and Kirtel Barracks. After completion of bombing, squadron to conduct armed recon in the areas of Weisbrunn, Homburg, and Lebach. 32 A/C each carries 2x500# GP bombs. Squadron took off and landed at Y-34. The data on these missions is as follows:

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
1	395	16	1349	1551	14 A/C released 28-500# GP bombs on Wiesbaden Supply Depot M-366632. Bombing was very good with 26 hits concentrated on target. Smoke covered area after bombing - could not assess damage, other than tracks cut in one place and fire started in the city. 2 A/C released 4-500# GP bombs on 15 G/Ws and 10 flat cars with 2 A/Cs on each of 10 flat cars at M-366632. This target was also strafed. Bombing and strafing claims are: 10 M/Ws dest. and 10 damaged; 9 G/Ws dest. and 16 damaged. 15 G/Ws were strafed at R-1394 - no claims made.	1430
2	395	16	1645	1900	Ripsaw #5 changed primary target. 1745 11 A/C released 28-500# GP bombs on 30 G/Ws at L-3901. Bombing was good with 10 G/Ws dest. and 10 G/Ws damaged. Tracks were also cut in 4 places. 5 A/C released 10-500# GP bombs on 40 G/Ws at Q-5991. Some of the flat cars were loaded with 3 M/Ws each. Bombing was excellent. Many fires were started and two explosions seen. Claims are 45 M/Ws dest and 35 G/Ws dest. Tracks were cut in 3 places.	

- A. : No abortive or enemy aircraft were encountered. One A/C was damaged by flak. The flak at Q-6383 was moderate, accurate and heavy; at Q-6784 it was medium, inaccurate and heavy; at L-6959 it was medium, inaccurate and light. 70 G/Ws were noted in M/W at Q-663. The weather was haze up to 3000 feet with good visibility above.

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A. Field Order No. 228, para. 3J, Mission J29-9, XIX Tactical Air Command.

The 396th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group dispatched 12 F47Ds (D/Bombers) on one squadron mission, 13 March 1945 to attack Kinkel Barracks at G-628767. Upon completion of bombing, squadron to conduct armed recon in areas of Kaiserslautern, Worms, Mainz and Bingen. 12 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs. Squadron took off from Y-34 at 1403 and proceeded on mission as briefed. At 1445, 2 A/C released 4-500# GP bombs on primary target (Kinkel Barracks) and during run it was discovered to be marked as a German civilian hospital. Bombing was poor due to the intention of the pilots to miss this target marked as a hospital. Proceeding on with mission, 2 A/C released 4-500# GP bombs on 30 G/As at M-1208. Bombing results were very good with 6 G/As destroyed and tracks cut in one place. 8 A/C released 16-500# GP bombs on two trains of 40 G/As each at M-2117. Bombing was good with a large fire going and 19 G/As destroyed. Squadron strafed and destroyed one armored vehicle at L-1444. 12 A/C left enemy territory at 1545, landing at Y-34 at 1614. No damaged, abortive or enemy aircraft were encountered on the mission. The weather was CAVU with some ground haze.

- B. (1) 74 F47Ds (D/Bombers) 30 D/Bombers - To attack Friedburg M/R Shops and to conduct A/R over designated areas.
 32 D/Bombers - To attack Wiesbaden Supply depot and to attack Kinkel Barracks and to conduct A/R over designated areas).
 12 D/Bombers - To attack Kinkel Barracks and to conduct A/R over designated areas.
- (ii) 74 - D/Bombers attacked targets and completed missions.
 (iii) NIL
 (iv) NIL
 (v) NIL
 (vi) NIL
 (vii) 2 - Damaged by flak, 1-Cat. A, 1-Cat. AC.
 (viii) 74
- C. (1) 60 - 75 Gallon American external belly tanks.
 (ii) NIL
- D. (1) 166,445
 (ii) NIL
- E. (1) 196,880 rounds 50 cal.
 (ii) 31,909
 (iii) NIL
- F. (1) 194 - 500# GP bombs (AN M103-Instant nose, AN M101A2-1/40 tail fusing)
 (ii) 194
 (iii) NIL
 (iv) NIL

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For the Commanding Officer:

Maurice D. Forrell
MAURICE D. FORRELL
Captain, Air Corps,
Ass't. Adjutant.

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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 141, US Army,
17 March 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.

REF : SECRET

Oprop A No. 379 for 24 hours ending sunset 14 March 1945.
Field Order No. 229, Para. 36, Mission J29-6, XIX Tactical
Air Command.

A. : The 396th and 397th Fighter Squadrons of the 368th Fighter Group dispatched together a total of 32 F4Us (28 D/Bombers and 4 Escorts) on a total of two squadron missions of 16 A/C each, 14 March 1945 to attack Montauban Storage (Area A) G-377038 and Boppard Supply Dump. After completion of bombing, squadrons to conduct armed recon over Montauban, Burbach and Rosbach Areas. 4 A/C acted as escort and top cover and 28 A/C each carried 1x500# M76 incendiary bomb. 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/A
1	397	16	1116	1340	16 A/C released 16-500# M76 incendiary bombs on Montauban Storage (area A) at G-377038. Bombing was good with 5 to 10 hits in target area. Much smoke and fires observed. One direct hit on bldg. also observed. Sqd. made recon over designated area.	1200
2	396	16	1561	1737	2 A/C (escorts) aborted. One due to 1530 belly tank failure and one as its escort. 8 A/C released 8-500# M76 incendiary bombs on 3 M/Ts and a wood dump at L-3979. Bombing was fair with one large fire started near - RR. 4 A/C released 4-500# M76 incendiary bombs at St Coarshousen - L-3972, claiming 2 barges dest. and some damage to town on west side of river. Bombing was good. 2 A/C acted as escorts to D/Bombers.	

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- A. : No damaged or E/A were encountered on the missions. Possible E/A were seen in vicinity of H-2337. 8 barges were seen on east bank of Rhine at L-9972. V-2 bombs were seen taking off in area of Nechenburg G-9629. The flak over primary target (G-9704) was light and heavy, moderate and inaccurate; at L-9021 - Boppard it was light, intense and inaccurate. The weather was 7-8/10 with base at 12000 - 13000 feet. Visibility was good.

Field Order No. 229, Para. 31, Mission J29-7, XIX Tactical Air Command.

- A. : The 396th and 397th Fighter Squadrons of the 368th Fighter Group together dispatched 30 F47Ds (24-D/Bombers and 6-Escorts) on total of two squadron missions, 14 March 1945 to attack the Montebaur Storage Area (area B) at G-977038 and Boppard Supply Dump. After completion of bombing, squadrons to conduct armed recon over Barbara, Harburg, Haiger and Selters Areas. 24 A/C each carried 12,500# M76 incendiary bomb. Squadrons took off and landed at 1-34. The data on these operations is as follows:

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time of day
1	396	14	1110	1322	12 A/C released 12,500# M76 incendiary bombs on Montebaur Storage (area B) at G-9770. Bombing was good with five hits in bldg. area. Nothing observed throughout recon area.	1200
2	397	16	1455	1700	12 A/C released 12,500# M76 incendiary bombs on Boppard Supply Dump at L-9979 just as E/A were called in. 120 on bombing. Squadron then proceeded to Mainz area where 10-50 E/A 109s were encountered. During encounter which followed, 6 E/A 109s were dest. and one probably dest. This sqd. was on its way to help 395th Fighter Sqd. when attacked by E/A in Mainz area.	1750

- A. : No abortive aircraft encountered. Three aircraft were damaged by E/A. 35 barges were seen along the Rhine near Boppard. The flak at L-9980 and G-9702 was light, intense and inaccurate. The weather was 8-9/10 at 10000 feet with some cirrus at 16000 feet. Visibility was good.

Field Order No. 229, Para. 31, Mission J29-8, XIX Tactical Air Command.

- A. : The 395th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 32 F47Ds (24-D/Bombers and 8-Escorts) on two squadron missions of 16 A/C each, 14 March 1945 to attack Friedburg M/F Repair Shops at H-72929 and Frankfurt Supply Depot. After completion of bombing, squadrons to conduct armed recon over Hanau and Wächtersbach Areas. 24 A/C each carried 12,500# M76 incendiary bomb. Squadrons took off and landed at 1-34. The data on these operations is as follows:

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Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time
1	395	16	1058	1326	12 A/C released 12-500# M76 incendiary bombs on Friedburg M/R Repair shops at N-723923. Bombing was poor with only 2 direct hits in target proper. One hit occurred east of highway among bldgs. One fire was started. Sqd. then strafed following targets on ground recog: one loco dest. and 10 G/Ws damaged at N-1653; one loco dest. at N-2772; one loco and 2 G/Ws dest. at N-3270; one loco dest. and one damaged at N-6683.	1145
2	395	16	1449	1652	11 A/C released 11-500# M76 incendiary bombs on Supply Depot at Frankfurt N-668745. Bombing was good with two fires started and 2 bldgs. dest. One A/C released 1-500# M76 incendiary bomb on house (dest.) at L-7826. Sqd. then bounced 50 ME 109s and FW 190s at 1545 in vicinity of Frankfurt. E/A appeared to be very unaggressive and also they jettisoned either belly tanks or bombs as encounter started. During encounter which followed, 3 FW 190s and 1 ME 109 were dest. and 1 ME 109 was damaged.	1515

- A. No abortive A/C encountered on these missions. One A/C was damaged by E/A. 60 - 70 G/Ws were seen in M/Y at N-6683 and M/Y at N-5375. Eight active factories were observed at N-5982. The flak at Frankfurt was heavy, moderate and accurate; at L-7826 it was light, weak and inaccurate; at N-8371 it was light and heavy, weak and inaccurate. The weather was haze to 2000 feet. Visibility was good.

Field Order No. 229, Para. 9J, Mission P & W, XXX Tactical Air Command.

- A. Four F47s (Leaflet Bombers) of the 397th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from Y-34 at 1129, 14 March 1945 to drop P & W leaflet bombs at Boppard, Waldesch, Siersem and Niederlaimstein Areas. Each A/C carried a total of 7 leaflet bombs - (3 Front Abet, 1-00-118, 1-00-112, 1-00-113 and 1-00-90). Flight proceeded on mission as briefed, arriving over enemy territory at 1145. At 1200, one A/C released 7 leaflet bombs at Siersem L-8554, one A/C released 7 leaflet bombs over Niederlaimstein L-9190 and one A/C released 7 leaflet bombs over Waldesch L-8686. Flight of 4 A/C left enemy territory at 1235, landing at Y-34 at 1253. No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. The weather was ceiling unlimited, visibility somewhat restricted by smoke and haze.

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A. : Field Order No. 229, Annex #2, Para 3H, Mission J29-11, XIX Tactical Air Command.

The 396th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group dispatched 8 P-47Ds (D/Bombers) on a total of two squadron missions of 4 A/C each, 14 March 1945 to perform ABR (Toss bomb) missions attacking Hoppsteden Fuel Depot L-608131 and Eschenau RR bridge. 4 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs (comp. B) and 4 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs. Flights took off and landed at Y-34. The data on these operations is as follows:

MISSION No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
1	396	4	1353	1506	4 A/C released 8x500# GP (comp B) bombs on fuel dump at Hoppsteden L-608131. 6 of these bombs were released under ABR system, which was fair in results with target, a large bldg. damaged, tracks cut in 1 place and another bldg. damaged. 5 bldgs. were dest. in SE part of Hoppsteden.	1420
2	396	4	1614	1739	4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on 1640 R/R bridge at Eschenau L-821111. Bombing was poor - bridge was missed. Tracks were cut in east side of bridge and bldgs. damaged north of bridge.	

A. : No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. The weather - haze up to 3000 feet, otherwise CAVU.

Alert Flight, V00G, XIX Tactical Air Command.

A. : Two P-47Ds of the 395th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from Y-34 at 1556, 14 March 1945 to patrol over Airfield at Y-34. Flight of 2 A/C flew an uneventful patrol mission at 10000 feet. Flight of 2 A/C then landed at Y-34 at 1623. No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. The weather was CAVU.

B. : (i) 2 P-47Ds (Alert Flight over Airfield at Y-34)
 (ii) 2 - Completed mission.
 (iii) Nil
 (iv) Nil
 (v) Nil
 (vi) Nil
 (vii) Nil
 (viii) 2

C. : NIL

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

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- E. : (i) 4240 rounds 50 cal.
(ii) NIL
(iii) NIL
- F. : NIL
- G. : NIL
- H. : NIL
- I. : NIL
- B. : (i) 106 H47Ds - (84-D/Bombers)
(18-Escorts)
(4-Leaflet Bombers)
- (4 - Escorts)
 - (28- D/Bombers - To attack Montauban Storage (Area A) and Boppard Supply Dump and conduct armed recon over Montauban, Remored, Burbach, Roszbach Areas)
 - (8 - Escorts)
 - (24- D/Bombers - To attack Friedburg W/F Repair Shops and Frankfurt Supply Depot - Armed recon over Hanan, Wächtersbach and Aselsfeld Areas)
 - (6 - Escorts)
 - (24- D/Bombers - To attack Montauban Storage (Area B) and Boppard Supply Dump and conduct A/R over Herborn, Marburg, Haiger and Selters Areas)
 - (8 - D/Bombers - To attack Hoppstaden Fuel Depot and Eschenan RR bridge by A/R (Foss bombing)
 - (4 - Leaflet Bombers - To drop leaflet bombs over designated points)
- (ii) 104 - (16 - Escorts - Completed missions)
(84 - D/Bombers - Attacked targets - Completed missions)
(4 - Leaflet Bombers - Dropped P&W leaflets and Completed mission)
- (iii) 2 - Escorts - 1-(c) - Belly tank failure.
1-(d) - Escort to abortive A/C.
- (iv) NIL
- (v) NIL
- (vi) NIL
- (vii) 4 - Damaged by E/A encounter - 2 Cat. AC., 2 Cat. A.
- (viii) 106
- C. : (i) 30 - 75 gallon American external belly tanks
(ii) 5

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- D. : (i) 244:00
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 224720 rounds 50 cal.
(ii) 19462
(iii) NIL
- F. : (i) 76 - 500# M76 Incendiary bombs (AN M103-instant nose fusing)
8 - 500# GP bombs (comp. B) AN M103-instant nose and
AN M101A2-1/HO tail fusing)
8 - 500# GP bombs (AN M103-1/10 nose and AN M101A2-1/HO
tail fusing)
(ii) 76 - (M 76)
8 - (Comp. B)
8
(iii) NIL
(iv) NIL
- G. : NIL
- H. : In The Air - 10-1-1
(i) 3-FW 190 - Lt Col. Paul P Douglas, Jr. 395th Fighter Sqd.
1-ME 109 - 1st Lt Dale L. Jewkes, 395th Fighter Sqd.
2-ME 109 - 1st Lt Bob V. Barker, 397th Fighter Sqd.
2-ME 109 - 2nd Lt James W. Chancellor, IV, 397th Fighter Sqd.
1-ME 109 - 2nd Lt Charles E. LeGrand, 397th Fighter Sqd.
1-ME 109 - 2nd Lt Vernon O Ebin, 397th Fighter Sqd.
(ii) 1-ME 109 - 2nd Lt Vernon O Ebin, 397th Fighter Sqd.
(iii) 1-ME 109 - 1st Lt Dale L. Dowkes, 395th Fighter Sqd.
(iv) 50 - ME 109s over Mainz area and 50 ME 109s and FW 190s
over Frankfurt area.
- I. : 3. 4-0-1
4. 2-0-10
7. 0-0-4
9. 9-0-3
11. 2-0-0
12. 2-0-0

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,
18 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprop A Report. USAF Form 34A.

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

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : SECRET

Oprop A No. 380 for 24 hours ending sunset 15 March 1945.
Field Order No. 230, Para. 3C, Mission J29-2, XIX Tactical Air Command.

A. : The 396th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 46 B-24Ds (36 B-24Ds and 10 Escorts and top cover) on three squadron missions, 15 March 1945 to attack Butzbach Ordnance and Barracks G-670044 and Wehrlein A/T Park. Upon completion of bombing, squadrons to conduct armed recon over Grünburg, Weizlar, Limburg and Koblenz Areas. 36 B-24Ds carried a total of 37x5000 M76 incendiary bombs and 2x5000 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	16	0954	1201	2 A/C (escorts) aborted - one due to pilot error and one as its escort. 12 A/C released 12-5000 M76 incendiary bombs on Butzbach Ordnance G-670044. Results were poor with one direct hit on western-most bldg. and 5 bombs in general target area. One small fire was started. Rest of bombing WRO. One loco was strafed and dest. and 3 G/Ws damaged at G-6701. One switch loco. was also dest at G-6611. 2 A/C acted as escort and top cover on entire mission.	

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Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
2	396	16	1334	1556	11 A/C released 12-500# M76 incendiary bombs on M/T concentration in woods at M-35262. Bombing was fair. Some bombs fell in barrack area, but no claims made. 1 A/C released 1-500# M76 incendiary bomb on A/D at Limburg M-2295. E/A were well camouflaged, mostly in middle of field. Following strafing claims were made of E/A on the ground: - 3 JU 87s dest. and 2 JU 87s probably dest. and one JU 88 probably dest. A A/C acted as escort and top cover. No activity seen in recce area.	1400
3	396	14	1707	1851	12 A/C released 14-500# bombs (12-500# M76 incendiary bombs and 2-500# GP bombs) on M/T park at Wehrheim M-609386 and on nearby bldg. area. Bombing was good in both areas. Six hits observed on target area. Fires were started in both groups of bldgs. and explosions noted. 2 A/C acted as escort and top cover.	1730

- A. : One A/C was damaged by flak. The flak at M-3653 was heavy, weak and fairly accurate; over Luxembourg M-2295 it was light, intense and inaccurate; at G-3705 it was light, weak and inaccurate. A/D at M-5291 appeared to be operational, clean and well kept. The weather was CAVU with some haze - ground up to 5000 feet.

Field Order No. 230 Para. 3D, Mission JFAB-1, XIX Tactical Air Command.

- A. : The 395th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 32 F47Ds (D/Bombers) on two squadron missions of 16 A/C each, 15 March 1945 to attack Vollmarzen RR Bridge at B-929118. 32 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs. Squadrons took off and landed at Y-34. The data on these operations is as follows:

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
1	395	16	0937	1217	16 A/C released 32-500# GP bombs 1106 on Vollmarzen RR bridge. Bombing was poor. All bombs near rises with 1 hit 10 feet from bridge. Tracks were cut for 10 feet on east approach to bridge and west embankment hit. Sqd. then strafed and dest. 1 loco and 2 G/Ws and damaged one G/W at B-7200. 2 G/Ws strafed and damaged at G-3836.	
2	395	16	1352	1645	16 A/C released 32-500# GP bombs 1525 on Vollmarzen RR bridge. Bombing was poor with hits on east embankment and tracks cut in 2 places 200 yards west of bridge and tracks cut in 2 places east of bridge. Bridge still standing.	

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- A. : One A/C was damaged by fragments from own bombs. No abortive or E/A were encountered. 10 balloons were observed over lake at G-9290, protecting a dam. Six camouflaged buildings (possibly hangars) were seen in woods at R-2592. The weather - haze up to 4000 feet. Visibility was good.

Field Order No. 230, Para. 3E, Mission JEAB-2, XIX Tactical Air Command.

- A. : The 397th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 32 F47Ds (D/Bombers) on two squadron missions of 16 A/C each, 15 March 1945 to attack rail bridge at G-925944. 32 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs. Squadrons took off and landed at Y-34. The data on these operations is as follows:

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
1	397	16	0948	1226	15 A/C released 30-500# GP bombs on RR bridge at G-925944. Bombing was poor with 3 cuts in tracks on east approach to bridge - rest of bombs - near misses. Bridge still standing. One A/C released 1x500# GP bomb on a woods at G-5090 and 1x500# GP bomb on the town of Vohl at G-8590. Both bombs - MRO, Sqd. then strafed and dest. one locd at G-85961 at 1150. 3 ME 109s were seen at G-8664 at 2000 feet. One of the E/A made one pass toward sqd. As sqd. turned to make encounter, the 3 ME 109s fled.	1050
2	397	16	1359	1700	16 A/C released 32-500# GP bombs on RR bridge at Sachsenhausen G-925944. Bombing was very good with hits on center of bridge. Bridge did not collapse but a 10-15 foot hole was observed between 2nd row of supporting piers of bridge.	1500

- A. : No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. Town of Koblenz was covered by smoke. Much rail activity observed in target area. Three large fires were observed at Heinburken, Saarbrucken and Sultzbach areas. 50 plus barges noted on Rhine south of Boppard. The weather - haze up to 4000 feet. Visibility was unlimited.

Field Order No. 230, Para. 3F, Mission J29-3, XIX Tactical Air Command.

- A. : The 396th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 12 F47Ds (D/Bombers) on three squadron missions of 4 A/C each, 15 March 1945 to perform ABR (Toas bomb) mission and attack Bleissen Ammo Dump Q-562983, Fishbach RR bridge and Lauterecken RR bridge. 4 A/C each carried 2x500# M76 incendiary bombs and 8 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs. Flights took off and landed at Y-34. The data on these operations is as follows:

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Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
1	396	4	1015	1108	A A/C released 8-500# M76 incendiary bombs on ammo dump at G-562983. Bombing was fair. One bldg in dump area was damaged, rest of bombs were near misses.	1040
2	396	4	1337	1448	A A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on 1410 RR bridge at Fishbach L-772278. Bombing was poor with eastern approach probably cut. 6 bombs fell in general area. Flight then strafed and damaged 3 G/Ws (coal cars) on track east of target.	
3	396	4	1601	1717	A A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on 1630 RR bridge at Lauterecken L-893168. Bombing was poor. 2 of the bombs fell in town and 6 bombs on approaches to bridge. NRO.	

A. : No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. Large columns of smoke were observed over Mienhinken and Saarbrucken Areas. The weather was haze up to 4000 feet. Visibility was good.

B. : (i) 122 B-17Ds (10 - Escorts and top cover)
(112 - D/Bombers -)
(10 - Escort and top cover)
(96 - D/Bombers - To attack Butsbach Ordnance and barrack Area and Wehrhela M/P Park - Conduct armed recon over designated areas)
(32 - D/Bombers - To attack Vollhausen Rail bridge at B-929118)
(32 - D/Bombers - To attack Rail Bridge at G-925944)
(12 - D/Bombers - To perform ABR (Toos bomb) missions and attack Bleissen Ammo Dump, Fishbach RR bridge and Lauterecken RR bridge)
(ii) 120 - (8 - Escorts - Completed Missions)
(112 - D/Bombers - Attached targets - Completed Missions)
(iii) 2 - Escorts - (b) 1 - Pilot error.
(d) 1 - Escort to abortive A/C.
(iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) NIL
(vii) 2 - 1-Damaged by flak, Cat. A.
1-Damaged by fragmentation from own bombs, Cat. A.
(viii) 122

C. : (i) 79 - 75 gallon American external belly tanks.
(ii) 8
(i) 10 - 150 gallon American external belly tanks.
(ii) 2

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- D. : (i) 30745
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 258640 rounds 50 cal.
(ii) 9406
(iii) NIL
- F. : (i) 191 - 500# Bombs -
45x500# M76 Incendiary (AN M103-instant nose, AN M101A2-1/40 tail fusing)
2x500# GP (AN M103, instant nose, AN M101A2-1/40 tail fusing)
112x500# GP (AN M103-1/10 nose, AN M101A2-1/100 tail fusing)
16x500# GP (AN M103-instant nose, AN M101A2-1/100 tail fusing)
16x500# GP (AN M103-1/10 nose, AN M101A2-1/40 tail fusing)
(ii) 191
(iii) NIL
(iv) NIL
- G. : NIL
- H. : On the Ground - 3-3-0
(i) 3-J087s - 396th Fighter Squadron :
(ii) 2-J087s - 396th Fighter Squadron : By Strafing.
1-J088 - 396th Fighter Squadron :
(iii) NIL
(iv) 3 - ME 109
- I. : 3. 4-0-0
4. 2-0-24
5. 0-0-2
7. 0-0-1
9. 0-0-2
11. 9-0-0
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Alert Flight, VOOG, XIX Tactical Air Command.

- A. : Two F47Ds of the 395th Fighter Squadron of the 968th Fighter Group took off from Y-34 at 1750, 15 March 1945 on an alert mission. Flight flew to bridgehead area. Mission was uneventful. Flight of two A/C then landed at Y-34 at 1817. No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. The weather was CAVU.

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B. : (i) 2 F4Us (Alert Flight - Area Patrol)
(ii) 2 - Completed mission.
(iii) NIL
(iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) NIL
(vii) NIL
(viii) 2

C. : NIL

D. : (i) 1:15
(ii) NIL

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

F. : NIL

G. : NIL

H. : NIL

I. : NIL

For the Commanding Officer:

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

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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 141, US Army,
20 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

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

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

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Oprep A No. 381 for 24 hours ending sunset 16 March 1945.
Field Order No. 291, Para. 3F, Mission JFAB-2, XIX Tactical
Air Command.

A. 16 B-24s (D/Bombers) of the 395th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from Y-24 at 0736, 16 March 1945 to attack Bollmorsen Rail Bridge at B-929118. 16 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs. Squadron of 16 A/C proceeded on mission as briefed, arriving over enemy territory at 0815. At 0845, 16 A/C released 31-500# GP bombs on rail bridge at B-929118. Bombing was poor and bridge not hit. Two hits were observed on tracks east side of bridge. Four G/Ws were destroyed. Two bombs were near misses on west embankment near approach. One 500# GP bomb was released at G-7069, cutting track. Squadron then strafed and destroyed two locomotives at each end of the bridge. Six G/Ws were strafed and damaged. Following are targets strafed by squadron: One locomotive destroyed and 8 G/Ws damaged at G-7069; two locomotives destroyed, three G/Ws destroyed and 12 G/Ws damaged at G-8498; two locomotives were destroyed and 20 G/Ws damaged in M/X at G-8896; one locomotive damaged at G-7074. Squadron of 16 A/C then left enemy territory at 0945, landing at Y-24 at 1054. One A/C was damaged by light AA. No abortive or M/X were encountered. The flak at G-7069 was light, moderate and accurate. In wooded area south of G-7069, 20 long flat camouflaged buildings, resembling barracks were observed. The RR line here appeared to be very active. The weather was good.

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A. : Field Order No. 231, Para. 3G, Mission SAB-3, XIX Tactical Air Command.

The 397th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 16 F47Ds (D/Bombers) on a squadron mission, 16 March 1945 to attack Rail bridge at G-925944. 16 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs. Squadron took off and landed at Y-34. The data on these operations is as follows:

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
1	397	16	1745	1037	16 A/C released 32-500# GP bombs on rail bridge at G-925944. Hole through bridge between 2 piers and 2 girders, only remaining support. Several hits glanced off sides of bridge. 6 bombs fell on east embankment. Approach is badly beaten up by previous and present attacks. Germans were seen working on bridge at time of attack. Bridge not serviceable. Bombing was excellent. Squadron then strafed and dest. 1 loco and damaged 10 G/Ws at G-9593; 2 locos strafed and dest. and 10 G/Ws dest. and 12 G/Ws damaged at G-9094 and G-9619. 20 G/Ws were strafed and dest at B-9618; one loco and one G/W dest. at G-6052.	0815

A. : No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered on the mission. The flak at B-9619 was light, weak and fairly accurate. A V-2 bomb was seen fired from G-1030 - Limburg. Fierce fires burning in town of Opatstein M-2492. 40 barges were observed along Rhine River at L-9475. The weather was 2/10 alto cumulus at 13500 to 14000 feet. Visibility was good.

Field Order No. 231, Para. 3H, Mission J29-3, XIX Tactical Air Command.

A. : 12 F47Ds (D/Bombers) of the 396th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from Y-34 at 0805, 16 March 1945 to attack Mainz M/T Shops at M-352570. After completion of bombing, squadron to conduct armed recon over Mainz, Remrod, Hachenburg, Montaubar and Obblentz Areas. 12 A/C carried a total of 15-500# GP bombs - (3 A/C 2 bombs each and 9 A/C 1 bomb each). Squadron proceeded on mission as briefed, arriving over enemy territory at 0830. 12 A/C released 15-500# GP bombs on Mainz M/T Shops at M-3555. Bombing was excellent. Six bombs fell on west group of buildings which were left burning. Six bombs fell in woods (parking area). Several minutes later, target area was covered by smoke. Pilots claim this to be the best bombing ever achieved. Squadron then strafed and destroyed one locomotive and damaged 5 G/Ws at M-4273. One long nosed FW 190 was encountered on deck at Weisbaden M-3670 and was destroyed. E/A hit ground and exploded, causing fire to two houses (damaged). Nothing was observed in recon area. Squadron of 12 A/C then left enemy territory at 0945, landing at Y-34 at 1021. No damaged or abortive A/C were encountered. The flak at M-3264 was light, intense and fairly accurate; at M-3664 it was light, moderate and fairly accurate. Friendly troops were observed at Winterbach L-9342. The weather was CAVU.

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A. Field Order No. 231, Para. 3M, Mission J29-6, XIX Tactical Air Command.

The 396th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 18 F47Ds (D/Bombers) on three squadron missions of 6 A/C each, 16 March 1945 to perform A BR (Toas bomb) mission and attack Wolfstein Stores Depot, Granstest Railroad bridge and Mainz Supply Depot. 18 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs. Flight 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	6	0922	1110	6 A/C released 12-500# GP bombs on Wolfstein Stores Depot at L-915087. Bombing was excellent. 10 bombs hit within 250 feet circle on target area, with 2 bldgs. dest. and 2 bldgs. burning.	1000
2	396	6	1318	1431	2 A/C released 4-500# GP bombs on RR bridge at M-187091. Results were poor, bridge not hit. 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on RR bridge at M-177016. Bombing results were poor, bridge not hit but tracks were possibly cut on eastern approach.	1345
3	396	6	1557	1739	6 A/C released 12-500# GP bombs on supply fort west of Mainz at M-361570. Bombing was fair with hits observed in area causing several fires and destroying one small bldg. No hits on fort observed. Visibility was bad on this mission.	1645

A. No abortive, damaged or E/A encountered on these missions. The flak at Carlsberg was medium, heavy and inaccurate; at target area M-3657 it was intense, light and fairly accurate. The weather was hazy everywhere with 5 to 6/10 at 5000 feet in area of M-177016.

Field Order No. 231, Para. 3K, Mission P & W, XIX Tactical Air Command.

A. A flight of 4 F47Ds (Leaflet Bombers) of the 397th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from Y-34 at 1259, 16 March 1945 to drop 2x7V leaflet bombs over Rheinbolton, Stromberg, Hedsheim and Argenschwank Areas. 4 A/C each carried 7 leaflet bombs - (9-Front Post, 1-2690, 1-26112, 1-26113, 1-26118) a total of 28 leaflet bombs. Flight proceeded on mission as briefed, arriving over enemy territory at 1400. 4 A/C (each A/C bombed one target with 7 leaflet bombs) released 7 leaflet bombs on each of the following points: Marbach 1-5834, Hammerath 1-5939, Hochscheid 1-6242, and Bornenfeld 1-5816. Flight then strafed 25 G/Ws at Q-7997, claiming 25 G/Ws damaged. 2 G/Ws were strafed and damaged near tunnel of same area. Flight of 4 A/C then left enemy territory at 1425, landing at Y-34 at 1448. No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. The weather over target area was 6/10. Visibility was good.

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A. Field Order No. 231, Mission J29-9, XIX Tactical Air Command.

The 396th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group dispatched 12 P47Ds (D/Bombers) 16 March 1945 to contact Controller Sweepstakes and attack targets of opportunity. 12 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs. 12 A/C took off from Y-34 at 1132 and proceeded on mission as briefed. Squadron arrived over enemy territory at 1205. 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on tanks and M/Ts at F-6845. Bombing was poor. No claims. 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on armored vehicles and 5 M/Ts at F-6744. Bombing was very good with one armored vehicle and 5 M/Ts destroyed. 2 A/C released 4-500# GP bombs on half-tracks and 3 M/Ts at F-6954. Bombing was poor. - targets were missed. 2 A/C released 4-500# GP bombs on tank at F-6759. Bombing poor - tank missed. Squadron then strafed the following targets: 2 tanks, one half-track and 1 M/T all damaged at F-6845; 1 half-track, 1 M/T destroyed and 2 M/Ts damaged at F-6954; 8 M/Ts destroyed and 6 M/Ts damaged at F-6744; 2 tanks and 1 M/T damaged at F-7446; M/T work shop damaged at F-7245; 12 A/C left enemy territory at 1325 and landed at Y-34 at 1358. One A/C made belly landing at Q-0189 when returning from the mission, due to lack of gasoline, Cat. E. No abortive or E/A encountered on the mission. Scattered M/T activity was observed in area north of Fiegburg F-6345. The weather was 7/10 at 13000 feet. Visibility was fair.

Field Order No. 231, Annex No. 3, Para. 3R, Mission JEAB-3,
XIX Tactical Air Command.

A. The 395th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 14 P47Ds (D/Bombers) on one squadron mission, 16 March 1945 to maintain patrol of Remagen Bridgehead. 14 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs. 14 A/C took off from Y-34 at 1249 and proceeded on mission as briefed, arriving over targets of opportunity at 1350. 10 A/C released 20-500# GP bombs on M/Ts and tanks at F-7245, claiming highway cut, 6 M/Ts destroyed and 4 tanks damaged. Bombing was fair. 4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs on tank and M/T concentration at F-7238, destroying 4 M/Ts, 2 tanks, 2 armored vehicles and damaging 6 M/Ts. Bombing was excellent. The squadron then strafed following targets: 2 tanks destroyed, 1 tank damaged at F-7946; 1 M/T and 1 tank damaged at F-7246; 1 M/T destroyed at F-6943; 1 horse-drawn vehicle destroyed and 2 M/Ts damaged at F-3440; 1 M/T destroyed at F-7257 and 8 M/Ts destroyed at F-7342. 14 A/C left enemy territory at 1430, landing at Y-34 at 1522. No abortive, damaged or E/A were encountered on this mission. The flak at F-6244 was medium, light and inaccurate. The weather was 4/10 at 4500 to 5000 feet. Visibility was 4 miles.

- B. (i) 92 P47Ds - 88-D/Bombers -
4-leaflet Bombers - (12-D/Bombers to attack targets
of opportunity)
(16-D/Bombers to attack Bollmaeren
rail bridge at B-929118)
(16-D/Bombers to attack Rail
bridge at G-925944)
(12-D/Bombers to attack Mains
M/T Shops at M-92570 - conduct armed
recess over designated territory)

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- B. : (i) (4 - Leaflet Bombers - to drop P&W leaflet bombs on designated points)
 (18- D/Bombers - to perform AIBR (floss bomb) mission and attack Wolfstein Stores Depot, Grunstadt Railroad Bridge and Mainz Supply Depot)
 (14- D/Bombers to maintain patrol over Remagen Bridgehead)
 (ii) 92 - 88-D/Bombers - Attacked targets and completed Missions.
 4-Leaflet Bombers - Dropped P&W leaflet bombs over designated points - Completed missions.
 (iii) NIL
 (iv) NIL
 (v) NIL
 (vi) NIL
 (vii) 2 - 1-Damaged by flak, Cat. A.
 1-Damaged by forced belly landing, Cat. E.
 (viii) 92
- C. : (i) 12 - 150 gallon American external belly tanks.
 (ii) 5
 (i) 71 - 75 gallon American external belly tanks.
 (ii) 16
- D. : (i) 24300
 (ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 244000 rounds 50 cal.
 (ii) 46300
 (iii) NIL
- F. : (i) 167 - 500# GP bombs -
 (32 - AN M103-1/10 nose, AN M101A2-1/100 tail fusing)
 (123 - AN M103-instant nose, AN M101A2-1/40 tail fusing)
 (12 - AN M113 -8-15 sec. delay tail fusing)
 (ii) 167
 (iii) NIL
 (iv) NIL
 (i) 28 P & W Leaflet bombs - (12-Front Post bombs)
 (4-ZG90)
 (4-ZG112)
 (4-ZG113)
 (4-ZG118)
 (ii) 28
 (iii) NIL
 (iv) NIL

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G. : NIL

H. : In Air - 1-0-0

(i) 1-FW 190 - 2nd Lt William G. Dixon, 396th Fighter Squadron.
 (ii) NIL
 (iii) NIL
 (iv) 1-FW 190

I. :
 1. 42-0-19
 2. 8-0-11
 3. 12-0-1
 4. 38-0-100
 5. 0-0-1
 7. 0-0-1
 9. 5-0-3
 10. 1-0-0
 11. 3-0-0
 12. 1-0-0
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Field Order No. 231, Annex No. 3, para. 3R, Mission JEAB-3,
 XIX Tactical Air Command.

A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 42 F47Ds on a total of three squadron missions, 16 March 1945 to maintain a constant patrol over Remagen Bridgehead. All squadrons took off and landed at Y-34. The data on these operations is as follows:

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time Up	Time Down	Target	Time O/T
1	397	16	1410	1725	Sqd. under Control of Mamite pat- rolled the bridgehead area. Patrol was uneventful. Sqd. strafed the following targets in area of F-3145: 3 half-tracks, 2 large vans and 6 M/Ts all destroyed and 5 tanks damaged.	1500
2	396	12	1530	1838	Sqd. patrolled bridgehead area. Nothing observed. Patrol uneventful.	1600
3	395	14	1731	1912	Sqd. under control of Mamite made an uneventful patrol over bridgehead then returned to base after being released.	1802

A. : No abortive, damaged or E/A encountered on these missions. The flak at F-3041 was weak, inaccurate and light. Many vehicles or armor equipment observed at F-7249 to F-9040. A P-38 (red-no markings) made hostile passes at the 397th Fighter Squadron. Squadron fired but no hits observed. Squadron broke off and P-38 headed south towards Nancy. The weather was 6/10 to 9/10 from 2000 (in 3 layers) to 18000 feet. Some haze encountered.

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A. : Field Order NIL, V00G, XIX Tactical Air Command.

The 396th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 4 P47Ds on two squadron missions of 2 A/C each, 16 March 1945 to perform alert patrol over area of Y-34. The 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	396	2	1206	1315	Ripsaw #5 vectored flight to some bogies that were found to be friendly. Flight saw unidentified A/C at 25000 feet in vicinity south of Nancy. This was reported to Controller. Patrol was uneventful.	
2	396	2	1702	1844	Flight was scrambled by Controller to investigate a red E38. Flight headed south to Nancy - nothing observed. Patrol uneventful.	

A. : No damaged, abortive or E/A were seen on these patrols. The weather on both patrols was good.

B. : (i) 46 P47Ds (Patrols) - (42-A/C to patrol over Remagen Bridgehead)
(4-A/C to execute alert patrols over airfield at Y-34.)

(ii) 46
(iii) NIL
(iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) NIL
(vii) NIL
(viii) 46

C. : (i) 42 - 75 gallon American external belly tanks.
(ii) NILD. : (i) 128:00
(ii) NILE. : (i) 117920 rounds 50 cal.
(ii) 7620
(iii) NIL

F. : NIL

G. : NIL

H. : NIL

I. : 1. 8-0-0
2. 2-0-5

For the Commanding Officer:

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

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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

02

APO 141, US Army,
19 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

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

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : SECRET

Oprep A No. 282, for 24 hours ending sunset 17 March 1945.
Field Order No. 230, Para. 34, Mission J29-5, XIX Tactical Air Command.

- A. : 4 P47Ds of the 397th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from Y-34 at 1309, 17 March 1945 to conduct simulated divebombing and strafing attack on friendly AAA positions protecting radio station at Jungunstar (P-9325). Flight of 4 A/C proceeded on mission as briefed, arriving over friendly gun positions at 1333. Flight was controlled by Ripsaw. Each A/C made 15 simulated strafing passes on five friendly gun positions. Flight of 4 A/C then left friendly gun positions at 1350, landing at Y-34 at 1415. No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. The weather over target area was 4/10 with base at 2500 feet and tops at 3500 feet. Visibility was good.
- B. : (i) 4 P47Ds (Simulated strafing and divebombing attack on friendly AAA gun positions)
(ii) 4 - Completed mission
(iii) NIL
(iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) NIL
(vii) NIL
(viii) 4
- C. : NIL

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- D. : (i) 5:00 (not considered combat time)
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 11200 rounds 50 cal.
(ii) NIL
(iii) NIL
- F. : 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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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

02

APO 141, US Army,
21 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAF Form 34A.

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

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : SECRET

Oprep A No. 283 for 24 hours ending sunset 18 March 1945.
Flight Order No. 293, Para. 3H, Mission J29-4, XIX Tactical
Air Command.

A. : 16 P47Ds (D/Bombers) of the 395th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from Y-34 at 0725, 18 March 1945 on a squadron mission to attack Butzbach Ordnance Depot at G-670054, after completion of bombing, squadron to make armed pass in the area of Butzbach, Harburg, Herborn and Idstein. 16 A/C each carrying 2-500# M76 incendiary bombs, arrived over enemy territory at 0800. At 0815, 16 A/C released 32-500# M76 incendiary bombs on Butzbach Ordnance Depot. Bombing was excellent with three buildings destroyed and fires in target area. Target was also strafed, making following claims: 1 locomotive damaged at G-6317, 1 locomotive destroyed at G-3095, 1 locomotive destroyed at G-3624. Squadron left enemy territory at 0845, landing at Y-34 at 0941. No damaged, abortive or E/A encountered. The flak at G-6221 was both medium, inaccurate and light-weak, accurate and heavy. A possible ammo dump was observed at G-3305. The weather was 2/10 from 5500 feet to 6000 feet, hazy clouds from 8000 to 12000 feet over target area.

Flight Order No. 293, para. 3K, Mission 1&W, XIX Tactical
Air Command.

A. : 4 P47Ds (Leaflet bombers) of the 395th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from Y-34 at 0951, 18 March 1945 to drop RHW leaflet bombs at L-6824, Gerstein L-6922, Kirm L-3031 and Heimbach L-3412. 4 A/C each carrying 3-Front Post, 1-2090, 1-20112, 1-20113 and 1-20118 leaflet bombs, arrived over enemy territory at 1018. Ripsaw directed the flight to the coordinates and 7 leaflet bombs (3-Front Post, 1-2090, 1-20112, 1-20113, and 1-20118) were dropped at each of the coordinates: L-6412, L-6922, L-6824, and L-3031. The flight left enemy territory at 1028, landing at Y-34 at 1057. No damaged, abortive or E/A encountered. The weather was 9/10 from 5500 to 7000 feet. Visibility was fair.

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A. : Field Order No. 233, par. 3F, Mission JFAD-2, XII Tactical Air Command.

16 P-47Ds (D/Bombers) of the 396th Fighter Squadron took off from Y-34 at 0836, 18 March 1945, on a squadron mission to attack the Vollmarren Rail Bridge at B-929118. 16 A/C each carrying 2-500^{lb} GP bombs, arrived over enemy territory at 0910. 16 A/C released 32-500^{lb} GP bombs on Vollmarren Railroad Bridge at B-929118. Bombing results were excellent. Six toeight hits were observed on bridge with 2 direct hits in middle. The bridge is down and the rails ripped up. 16 A/C left enemy territory at 1120, landing at Y-34 at 1155. No abortive, damaged or E/A encountered. The flak at B-5811 was weak, inaccurate and light. Very active W/V was observed at east side of Brilon B-5811. The weather was 7/10 at 6000 feet. Visibility was good.

Field Order No. 233, para. 3G, Mission JFAD-3, XII Tactical Air Command.

A. : 16 P-47Ds (D/Bombers) of the 397th Fighter Squadron took off from Y-34 at 0843, 18 March 1945 on a squadron mission to attack rail bridge at G-925944. 16 A/C each carrying 2-500^{lb} GP bombs, arrived over enemy territory at 0915. At 0950, 16 A/C released 32-500^{lb} GP bombs on Sachsenhausen Railroad Bridge at G-925944. Bombing was very good with 6 direct hits scored on bridge, 1 hit in breach made previously. Bridge was damaged and is unserviceable. One cut was made in tracks on west approach. The squadron then strafed the following targets: 1 locomotive and 1 RR car full of personnel destroyed and 2 RR cars full of personnel damaged at B-9724; one locomotive destroyed at B-9822; one locomotive damaged at B-9823. 16 A/C left enemy territory at 1100 and landed at Y-34 at 1142. No abortive or E/A encountered on this mission. The flak at G-9294 and B-9822 was moderate, very accurate and light. 4 A/C were damaged by flak. The weather was 10/10 multi-layer from 4000 to 13000 feet. Visibility below clouds was good.

A. : Field Order No. 233, Annex No. 2, Para. 3I, Mission J20-6, XII Tactical Air Command.

16 P-47Ds (D/Bombers) of the 397th Fighter Squadron took off from Y-34 at 1303, 18 March 1945, on a squadron mission to attack Frankfurt Supply Depot at M-768748 and after completion of bombing, conduct armed recce in the area of Frankfurt, Hanau, Bad Nomburg and Friedburg. 16 A/C each carrying 2-500^{lb} GP bombs, arrived over enemy territory at 1340. Primary target was covered by overcast. At 1445, 8 A/C released 16-500^{lb} GP bombs on double track carrying train of 60 G/Ws at Ndr Wollstadt, M-7387. Bombing was very good. 10 direct hits were observed with 4 of 20 G/Ws destroyed and 10 buildings located near tracks also dest. 8 A/C released 16-500^{lb} GP bombs on barracks near Budingem M-7789. Bombing was fair with 2 buildings destroyed. This target was strafed but no claims made. 16 A/C left enemy territory at 1505, landing at Y-34 at 1544. No damaged, abortive or E/A encountered. The flak at M-7387 was intense, inaccurate and light. The weather was 9/10 stratus-cumulus from 4500 feet to 6000 feet. Visibility was fair.

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A. : Field Order No. 233, Annex No. 2, para. 3M, Mission J29-7,
XIX Tactical Air Command.

16 P47Ds of the 396th Fighter Squadron (12-D/Bombers and 4-Escorts) took off from Y-34 at 1329, 18 March 1945 on a squadron mission to attack Wiesbaden Stores Depot at M-375616. Upon completion of bombing, squadron to make armed recon in the area of Wiesbaden, Limburg and Nassau. 12 A/C each carrying 2-500# GP bombs and 2 A/C as escort, arrived over enemy territory at 1400. 2 A/C (Escorts) aborted - one due to tachometer failure and one as its escort. Primary target was covered by overcast, so at 1415, 12 A/C released 24-500# GP bombs on M/Y at Goddelau, M-5437. Bombing was excellent with 16 direct hits and other hits in general area. Six rails were cut, 15 G/Ws destroyed, one oil car set afire and one oil tank damaged. Squadron of 14 A/C left enemy territory and landed at Y-34 at 1517. No damaged, or E/A were encountered. The weather was 9/10 at 6000 to 7000 feet. Visibility was fair.

Field Order No. 233, Annex No. 2, para. 3N, Mission J29-8,
XIX Tactical Air Command.

A. : 12 P47Ds (D/Bombers) of the 395th Fighter Squadron took off from Y-34 at 1051, 18 March 1945 on a squadron mission to attack Wehrhein Military Installation and to conduct armed recon over designated area. 12 A/C each carrying 2-5000# M76 incendiary bombs, arrived over enemy territory at 1051. Two A/C aborted - one due to short in radio control box and the other as its escort. Both A/C jettisoned their bombs at U-8353. Primary target was covered by overcast. Squadron attacked target of opportunity. Three A/C released 3-500# M76 incendiary bombs north of Geisen-NRO. A Silver Pyl bounced the squadron at this point. Our squadron could not identify squadron insignia of Pyl. 4 A/C released 3-500# M76 incendiary bombs on factory at Denbach G-0405. Bombing was very good with 4 direct hits on factory. Factory was damaged. 4 A/C released 7-500# M76 incendiary bombs on factory at F-9908. Bombing was fair with one direct hit on factory. This factory also was damaged. 10 A/C left target area at 1235, landing at Y-34 at 1311. No damaged or E/A encountered. The weather was 8/10 stratus-cumulus from 4000 to 8000 feet. Visibility was fair.

B. : (i) 96 P47Ds (4 - Leaflet bombers)
(4 - Escort and top cover)
(88- D/Bombers)

- (16-D/Bombers to attack Butzbach Ordnance Depot and make A/R in designated Area)
- (16-D/Bombers to attack Volkmarzen Rail Bridge)
- (16-D/Bombers to attack rail bridge at G-925944)
- (16-D/Bombers to attack Frankfurt Supply Depot and conduct A/R in designated area)
- (12-D/Bombers - 4-Escort to attack Wiesbaden Stores Depot and conduct A/R in designated territory)
- (12-D/Bombers to attack Wehrhein Military Installation and conduct A/R)
- (4-Leaflet Bombers to drop leaflet bombs on designated targets.

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- B. : (ii) 92 - 2-escort and top cover -
86-D/Bombers attacked targets and completed missions.
4-leaflet bombers dropped leaflet bombs on target.
- (iii) 4 - 2-(c) 1-(escort) Tachometer failure; 1 (D/Bomber)-
Short in radio control box.
2-(d) 1-(escort) 1-(D/Bomber) - both escorts to
abortive A/C.
- (iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) NIL
(vii) 4 - Damaged by flak. 2-Oct. A., 2-Oct. AG.
(viii) 96
- C. : (i) 14 - 150 (gallon) American external belly tanks.
(ii) 7
- (i) 82 - 75 gallon American external belly tanks.
(ii) 5
- D. : (i) 238:15
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 247040 rounds 50 cal.
(ii) 4964
(iii) NIL
- F. : (i) 120 - 500# GP bombs (32-M M103-1/10 nose, AN M101A2-1/40
tail fusing)
(88-M M103-instant nose, AN M101A2-1/40
tail fusing)
56 - 500# M76 Incendiary bombs - (AN M103-instant nose
fusing)
- (ii) 120 - (GP)
52 - (M76)
- (iii) 4 - (M76) by abortive A/C.
(iv) NIL
- (i) 28 - F&W Leaflet bombs - (12-Front Post, 4-2G90,
4-2G112, 4-2G113, 4-2G118)
- (ii) 28
(iii) NIL
(iv) NIL
- G. : NIL
- H. : NIL

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 5. 1-0-1
 7. 1-0-1
 9. 15-0-2
 11. 9-0-0
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- A. : Field Order No. 233, Annex No. 2, Mission J29-6, XIX Tactical Air Command.

16 A/C of the 397th Fighter Squadron took off from Y-34 at 1645, 18 March 1945 on a squadron mission to perform an armed recon in vicinity of Frankfurt. Two A/C aborted, one due to transmitter failure, and the other as its escort. 14 A/C proceeded on mission as briefed, arriving over enemy territory at 1720. Squadron strafed 25 G/Ws, 15 flat cars each carrying 4 M/Ts and 10 oil cars at N-4167. Three oil cars were destroyed and 60 M/Ts damaged; strafed and destroyed 1 large oil truck (with red cross markings) at N-4865; 2 oil tanks damaged at N-5367. Squadron also strafed a large concentration of M/Ts at N-5559, claiming 100 M/Ts damaged; one oil M/T and trailer strafed and destroyed at N-5263; strafed and damaged 3 M/Ts at N-5471. One ME 109 was seen at N-5471, which made one pass, fired and left area. 14 A/C left enemy territory at 1830, landing at Y-34 at 1917. Two A/C were damaged by flak. The flak at N-4266 was weak, accurate and light; at N-4163 it was intense, accurate and light. Five or six oil tanks were observed at N-5367. The weather was 10/10 at 4500 feet.

Field Order No. 233, Annex No. 2, para. 3M, Mission J29-7, XIX Tactical Air Command.

- A. : 12 A/C of the 396th Fighter Squadron took off from Y-34 at 1635, 18 March 1945 on a squadron mission to conduct armed recon in vicinity of Weisbaden. Two A/C aborted, one due to belly tank failure and the other as its escort. 10 A/C proceeded on mission as briefed, arriving over enemy territory at 1710. Squadron was under control of Ripaw #1. Squadron strafed ground targets in vicinity of L-9005. The claims are as follows: 2 small tanks, 8 M/Ts, 1 large van, 1 bus and 1 half-track destroyed. Squadron strafed woods at L-7704, starting 7 fires, 8 M/Ts destroyed and one staff car destroyed. One command post destroyed by strafing at L-8006. One building was damaged, 50 German troops killed, 4 horse-drawn vehicles, 6 M/Ts destroyed and 6 M/Ts damaged. 10 A/C left enemy territory at 1810, landing at Y-34 at 1852. No damaged, or E/A encountered. Most of the enemy M/Ts in target area were not moving, as though out of gas. The weather was 10/10 at 4500 to 5500 feet.

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A. Field Order No. 233, Annex No. 3, para. 30, Mission J29-10, XIX Tactical Air Command.

The 395th Fighter Squadron dispatched a total of 24 P47Ds on a total of three squadron missions, of 8 A/C each, 18 March 1945 to conduct an armed recon in the vicinity of Mainz. The three missions 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/F
1	395	8	1421	1618	Controller Liver told sqd. of many vehicles in vicinity of L-8929 to 8790 to L-9290. Sqd. strafed this area and claim 15 M/Ts dest. and 2 damaged; 26 horse-drawn vehicles dest and 34 horses dest; 1 staff car dest. and 25 German personnel killed.	1500
2	395	8	1459	1628	Ringsaw sent sqd. to vicinity of 1515 L-9018. Sqd. strafed ground targets here claiming 20 M/Ts, 11 horse-drawn vehicles, 1 staff car destroyed. One tank damaged and 10 German personnel killed. One of our A/C was hit by flak. Pilot bailed safely over front lines at L-8026 and has since returned to sqd. safely.	
3	395	8	1711	1856	The sqd. strafed and dest. 1 M/T at L-1735. Also strafed and dest. 10 horse-drawn vehicles at L-1115, dest. 3 main M/Ts, 8 horse-drawn vehicles and damaged 4 M/Ts at L-1424.	1748

A. No abortive or E/A encountered on these missions. The flak in area of L-8929 was intense, inaccurate and light; at L-9018 it was intense, accurate and light. Much activity was observed thru-out recon area. The weather was 8/10 to 9/10 from 4500 to 6000 feet, with some haze.

B. (i) 52 P47Ds - (16 - to make armed recon in area of Frankfurt)
(12 - to make armed recon in area of Weisbaden)
(24 - to make armed recon in area of Mainz)

(ii) 48 - Completed missions.

(iii) 4 - 2-(c) 1-transmitter failure, 1-faulty belly tank
2-(d) Escorts to abortive A/C

(iv) NIL

(v) NIL

(vi) 1 - (44-20429) - A/C hit by machine gun fire. Pilot bailed out safely over the front lines at L-8026. The pilot has returned to the squadron uninjured.

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

(viii) 52

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- G. : (i) 52 - 75 gallon American external belly tanks.
(ii) NIL
- D. : (i) 105^{mm}A5
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 134720 rounds 50 cal.
(ii) 41398
(iii) NIL
- F. : NIL
- G. : NIL
- H. : (i) NIL
(ii) NIL
(iii) NIL
(iv) 1 - ME 109
- I. : 1. 70-0-175
2. 3-0-1
4. 3-0-0
7. 0-0-1
9. 0-0-1
13. 59-0-0
17. German Personnel Killed - 85.

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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AFC 141, US Army,
22 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprop 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 : SECRET

Oprop A No. 384 for 24 hours ending sunset 19 March 1945.
Field Order No. 234, para. 3E, Mission J29-3, XIX Tactical Air Command.

A. The 396th Fighter Squadron dispatched a total of 36 F47Ds (D/Bombers) on a total of three squadron missions of 12 A/C each, 19 March 1945, to attack Wiesbaden Stores Depot, Grosssheim Supply Depot and 50 tanks at L-9777. Upon completion of bombing, squadron to conduct armed recon over Limburg Area. 20 A/C each carried 2-500# M76 incendiary bombs, 4 A/C each carried 2-500# GP bombs and one Napalm bomb. Squadron took off and landed at 1-34. 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	0758	1004	12 A/C released 24-500# M76 incendiary bombs on Wiesbaden Stores Depot at H-375636. Bombing was good. Fires were started and big explosion observed. Dense, black smoke rose up to 5000 feet. Sqd. strafed following targets: 1 loco dest at H-2473, 1 loco dest at H-2870, 1 loco dest. at H-3779.	0825
2	396	12	1139	1445	12 A/C released 16-500# M76 incendiary bombs and 6-500# GP bombs on Grosssheim Supply Depot at H-863672. Bombing was good. Fires and dark smoke were observed. One bldg was damaged & north end of target was well hit. Sqd. then strafed and damaged 1 loco and 14 G/Ws; one loco dest. at H-0740. One M/T strafed and dest. at H-0537.	



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Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
3	396	12	1611	1811	4 A/C released 8-500# GP bombs and 4 Napalm bombs on woods at L-9878. NRO other than fires were started. 8 A/C released 16-500# GP bombs and 8 Napalm bombs on tanks in woods at L-2777. Bombing was good with 4 bombs falling in target area. NRO other than fires started. Sqd. strafed and dest. 3 M/Ys at M-1269. 5 ME 109s and 5 FW 190s were encountered in the Bingen Area. E/A dropped bombs and belly tanks, made pass and disappeared into clouds. Sqd. was low on gas to give chase. One E/A was seen shot down by its own flak at Bingen A/D.	1641

- A. No abortive A/C encountered on these missions. 2 A/C were damaged by flak. The flak at M-3665 was weak, light and heavy and inaccurate; at M-8667, it was moderate, fairly accurate and heavy; H-0840 it was intense, accurate and light; at Bingen A/D it was intense, inaccurate and light. M/Y at M-0669 was observed to have about 500 G/Ws and 4 locomotives. The weather was 3/10 at 1000 to 1500 feet on the first mission and CAUV on the other two missions.

Field Order No. 234, para. 3F, Mission J29-4, XIX Tactical Air Command.

- A. The 395th Fighter Squadron dispatched a total of 44 F47Ds (D/Bombers) on a total of 3 squadron missions, 19 March 1945 to attack Wehrheim Military Installation at M-60886, Frankfurt Supply Depot, and Urberach Fuel Depot. After completion of bombing, squadron to conduct area recon in area of Giessen. 22 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs; 8 A/C each carried 2x500# M76 incendiary bombs; 14 A/C each carried 1x500# GP bomb and 1x500# M76 incendiary bomb. The squadron took off and landed at Y-34. The data on these missions is as follows:

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
1	395	16	0716	0943	16 A/C released 16-500# M76 incendiary bombs and 16-500# GP bombs on Wehrheim Military Installation at M-60886. Bombing was excellent. Terrific explosions were observed. 20 bldgs. were dest. and 5 bldgs. left burning. Sqd. then strafed the following targets: 2 locos dest. and 8 G/Ws damaged at M-6088; one loco and 12 G/Ws damaged at M-6230; 1 loco dest. and 6 G/Ws damaged at M-7330; 1 loco dest. and 10 G/Ws damaged at M-8425; 1 loco dest. and 6 flak cars dest. at M-2192; one loco and 8 G/Ws damaged at M-3192; 2 locos and 1 flak car dest. and 1 loco and 2 flak cars damaged at M/Y at M-6947.	0800
2	395	14	1134	1437	13 A/C released 13-500# GP bombs and 13-500# M76 incendiary bombs on Frankfurt Supply depot at M-668478. Bombing was excellent with 15 bldgs. dest. and 2 big fires burning in area. 1 A/C released 1x500# GP bomb & 1x500# M76 incendiary bomb on woods east of Hanau M-3070 - NRO. 1 loco strafed and dest. at M-3715; 1 loco dest. & 5 G/Ws damaged at M-2192; 1 loco dam. at M-2527.	

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Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
3	395	14	1557	1821	1 A/C aborted due to pilot error. Pilot did not release bombs while over target. Bombs were later jettisoned at H-2353. 12 A/C released 20-500# G/Bombs on Oberach Fuel Depot at H-747543. Bombing was fair with hits in area. Mostly BR0. Sqd. then strafed and dest. 1 loco in M/Y at H-31035; 1 loco dest. and 6 G/Ws damaged at H-1402.	1630

- A. : One A/C damaged by small arms. No enemy A/C encountered on these missions. The flak at Bad Homburg H-7231 was moderate, inaccurate and heavy; at H-6674 it was meager, inaccurate and light; at Hanau it was weak, inaccurate and heavy. 25 barracks were observed in wooded area at H-4914. Activity was noted in Dammstadt M/Y. The weather on 1st mission was CAVU. On the 2nd mission, 3/10 at 4000 to 5000 feet with some haze. On the 3rd mission, 8/10 at 13500 to 16000 feet.

Field Order No. 234, para. 30, Mission J29-5, XIX Tactical Air Command.

- A. : 16 P47Ds (D/Bombers) of the 397th Fighter Squadron took off from Y-34 at 0740, 19 March 1945 on a squadron mission to attack Ebenhausen Fuel Storage at H-708739. After bombing, to make armed recon in area of Schlustern. 16 A/C each carried 2-500# M27 Frag bombs. A/C arrived over target at 0830. 16 A/C released 32-500# M27 frag bombs on Ebenhausen Fuel Storage at H-708739. Bombing was good. Four fires were observed in area. Squadron then strafed the M/Y at Gelnhausen, H-0479 and destroyed one locomotive at H-9972 and damaged 1 locomotive at H-9575. Four locomotives, one G/W, one building were destroyed and 5 G/Ws and one building damaged in M/Y at H-0479. 16 A/C left enemy territory at 1010, landing at Y-34 at 1032. Two A/C were damaged by flak. No abortive or E/A encountered. The flak at H-7174 was moderate, accurate, both light and heavy; at H-6965 it was moderate, very accurate and heavy; at H-0479 it was moderate, very accurate and light. Activity noted in M/Y at Dammstadt. The weather was hazy at 5000 feet in target area.

Field Order No. 234, para. 31, Mission R&P, XIX Tactical Air Command.

- A. : 4 P47Ds (Leaflet bombers) of the 396th Fighter Squadron took off from Y-34 at 1307, 19 March 1945 to drop R&P leaflet bombs at designated points. 4 A/C arrived over enemy territory at 1327. One A/C released 2 RW 54, 2-2090, 1-2096, 1-2097 and 1-20112 at H-6824. One A/C released 2 RW 54, 1-2090, 1-2029, 1-20112, 1-2097 and 1-2096 at Oberstein L-6922. One A/C released 2 RW 54, 1-2090, 1-2029, 1-20112, 1-2097 and 1-2096 at Lauterecken L-8916. One A/C released 2 RW 54, 1-2090, 1-2029, 1-20112, 1-2097 and 1-2096 at Eisenheim L-9523. 4 A/C left enemy territory at 1420, landing at Y-34 at 1445. No abortive, damaged or E/A encountered. The weather was CAVU.

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A. Field Order No. 234, Annex No. 2, Mission J29-6, XX
Tactical Air Command.

The 397th Fighter Squadron dispatched a total of 28 F47Ds (15-D/Bombers and 13-Escort and top cover) on a total of four squadron missions, 19 March 1945 to conduct armed recess in the Mainz-Worms Area. 15 A/C each carried 1x500# GP bomb. The four missions took off and landed at Y-34. The data on these operations is as follows:

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
1	397	8	1150	1402	4 A/C released 4-500# GP bombs on 1245 town of Wendelsheim M-185295. Bombing was very good with all bombs falling in the town. 8 bldgs. were dest. and 3 fires observed. Sqd. then strafed some camouflaged wood piles at M-1819 and M-1829 - NRO. 4 A/C acted as top cover and escort.	
2	397	6	1222	1524	Sqd. patrolled area of Frankfurt 1310 for 1/2 hour. 3 A/C released 3-500# GP bombs on M/T at Frankfurt. Bombing was very good with 8 G/Ts dest. Sqd. made recess over area M-2535 in search of artillery. None were found. Sqd. strafed personnel and bldg. at M-2831. No claims made. Also strafed and damaged 8 M/Ts in same area. Sqd. strafed and dest. 15 horsedrawn vehicles and damaged 15 in woods at Q-5983. 2 M/Ts strafed and dest. and 1 M/T damaged at Q-5983. 3 A/C acted as escort and top cover.	
3	397	8	1520	1722	4 A/C released 4-500# GP bombs on 1620 SE part of Arnsheim at M-2334. Bombing was good with 7 bldgs dest. Town was also strafed. Sqd. strafed barracks at Arnsheim. Explosions were noted in these bldgs. 10 minutes after strafing attack. Sqd. then strafed town at M-2132. One M/T was damaged, rest NRO. Road block at M-2335 was strafed - NRO. 4 A/C acted as escort and top cover.	
4	397	6	1625	1830	Sqd. sent to check roads in vicinity 1725 of M-1990 to M-2232. Nothing observed. 4 A/C released 4-500# GP bombs on M/Ts at Florheim M-2232. Bombing was excellent with 3 M/Ts and 10 bldgs. dest. Three fires were also started. 1 FW 190 was seen. EA dove out of the east and then off into the clouds. 2 A/C were escort and top cover.	

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- A. : No abortive A/C encountered on these missions. Two A/C were damaged by flak. The flak at Frankfurt was moderate, very accurate and heavy; at ~~M-4752~~ it was weak, accurate and heavy; at Q-4276 it was intense, fairly accurate and light; at ~~M-2334~~ it was weak, inaccurate and light. 20 barges were seen on Rhine River in vicinity of ~~M-4834~~. The weather was generally hazy on all the missions. Visibility was restricted.
- B. : (i) 128 B-7Ds - (111-D/Bombers)
(13-Escort and top cover)
(4-Leaflet bombers)
- (36-D/Bombers - to attack Weisbaden Stores Depot, Crosssheim Supply Depot and 50 tanks at L-9777 - Conduct A/R in area of Limburg)
- (44-D/Bombers - to attack Wehrheim Military Installation, Frankfurt Supply Depot, Urberach Fuel Depot - Conduct A/R in area of Geissen)
- (16-D/Bombers - to attack Ebenhausen Fuel Depot - Conduct A/R in area of Schluctern)
- (4-Leaflet bombers - to drop R&F leaflet bombs at designated points)
- (15-D/Bombers -
(13-Escorts and top cover - to conduct A/R over Mainz and Worms Area)
- (ii) 127 - (110-D/Bombers - Attached targets - Completed Missions)
(13-Escort and top cover - Completed Missions)
(4-Leaflet bombers - dropped R&F bombs on target)
- (iii) 1 - D/Bomber - (b) Pilot error - bombs did not release when making run on the target.
- (iv) NIL
- (v) NIL
- (vi) NIL
- (vii) 7 - Damaged by flak - 5-Cat. A., 2-Cat. AG.
- (viii) 128
- C. : (i) 20 - 150 gallon American external belly tanks.
(ii) 2
- (i) 31 - 75 gallon American external belly tanks.
(ii) 24
- D. : (i) 348.15
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 328480 rounds 50 cal.
(ii) 46152
(iii) NIL

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- F. :
- (i) 105 - 500# GP bombs - (91-AN M103-instant nose, AN M101A2-1/40 tail fusing)
(14-AN M103-1/10 nose, AN M101A2-1/100 tail fusing)
 - 70 - 500# M76 Incendiary bombs - (AN M103-instant nose fusing)
 - 12 - Napalm bombs
 - 32 - 500# M27 Frag bombs - (AN M103-instant nose fusing)
 - (ii) 103 - 500# GP bombs
 - 70 - 500# M76 Incendiary bombs
 - 12 - Napalm
 - 32 - 500# M27 Frag bombs
 - (iii) 2-500# GP bombs (by abortive A/c)
 - (iv) NIL
 - (i) 28 - R&W Leaflet bombs - (8-FW54, 5-ZG90, 4-ZG96, 4-ZG97
4-ZG112, 3-WG29)
 - (ii) 28
 - (iii) NIL
 - (iv) NIL
- G. : NIL
- H. :
- (i) NIL
 - (ii) NIL
 - (iii) NIL
 - (iv) 5 M2E 109s and 6 FW 190s
- I. :
- 1. 9-0-2
 - 3. 20-0-6
 - 4. 16-0-84
 - 7. 2-1-3
 - 9. 61-0-7
 - 13. 15-0-15
 - 14. 4

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,
24 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Opprep 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

Opprep A No. 385 for 24 hours ending sunset 20 March 1945.
Field Order No. 235, para. 34, Mission J29-6, XIX Tactical
Air Command.

A. The 396th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 24 P47Ds (16-D/Bombers and 8-Escorts) on two squadron missions of 12 A/C each, 20 March 1945 to conduct ABR (toss bomb) missions against Marburg Ordnance Depot at G-724443. Upon completion of bombing, squadrons to conduct armed recon over Marburg, Giessen and Ohr-Lahnstein Areas. 16 A/C (D/Bombers) 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	0705	0936	Weather prevented sqd. from attacking primary target. 8 A/C released 16-500# GP bombs on M/Y at Darmstadt M-6443. Bombing was good with 3-4 cuts in RR and 25 G/Ws destroyed. 4 A/C acted as top cover during bombing. ABR equip. not used on this mission.	0735
2	396	12	1604	1809	8 A/C released 16-500# GP bombs on Marburg Ordnance Depot at G-724443. Bombing (ABR) was excellent with 8 direct hits on target. 5 bldgs. were dest. including largest bldg. which blew up. 2 other bldgs. were damaged. 4 A/C acted as top cover during bombing.	



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- A. : No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. The flak at M-8861, M-6256, and M-8357 was weak, heavy and inaccurate. 75-100 G/Ws were observed at Giessen. Half-moon shaped area, freshly built eight - two story brick buildings, were observed at edge of woods at G-6944. Six boats were noted on east bank of Rhine at M-0068. 10 barges also observed at L-9873. The weather was 10/10 at 3-7000 feet over target on 1st mission, and 3 to 4/10 at 3-5000 feet on the second mission.

Field Order No. 235, para. 3I, Mission J29-7, XIX Tactical Air Command.

- A. : The 395th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 30 F47Ds (D/Bombers) on two squadron missions, 20 March 1945 to attack Dietsheim Supply Depot M-797698. Upon completion of bombing, squadrons to conduct armed recon over Hanau, Friedberg, Giessen, Usingen and Frankfurt Areas. 30 A/C each carried 2-500# GP bombs. Squadrons took off and landed at Y-34. The data on these operations is as follows:

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
1	395	16	0720	0944	16 A/C released 30-500# GP bombs on Dietsheim Supply Depot. Bombing was poor - target missed. Bombing was hindered by wind and overcast. All bombs fell in town of Dietsheim M-3070. Town appeared to be completely destroyed. One loco and 2 G/Ws were strafed and damaged at M-8869.	0810
2	395	14	1525	1731	14 A/C released 20-500# GP bombs on primary target. Bombing was fair. Three of the bombs fell in the northern section of target, 2 bombs in the extreme southern section and 1 bomb destroying a bldg near target. No other results observed because of smoke.	1555

- A. : One A/C was damaged by heavy AA. No abortive or E/A were encountered. The flak at M-8860 and M-7970 was heavy, weak and inaccurate; at M-8862 it was heavy, moderate and accurate. 50 camouflaged buildings resembling Headquarters, were seen in woods at M-7750. 4 PW 190s were seen near A/D in woods at M-6161. Town of Hanau was observed to be burning. The weather was 3/10 to 10/10 at 6-7000 feet with cloud layers at 14000 feet over the Rhine. Visibility was unlimited.

Field Order No. 235, para 3J, Mission J29-8, XIX Tactical Air Command.

- A. : 16 F47Ds (D/Bombers) of the 397th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from Y-34 at 0715, 20 March 1945 to attack Frankfurt Repair Depot at M-653618. Upon completion of bombing, squadron to conduct armed recon over Frankfurt, Limburg, Nastatten and Biltrich Areas. 16 A/C each carried 2-500# GP bombs.

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- A. Squadron of 16 A/C proceeded on mission as briefed, arriving over enemy territory at 0755. At 0805, 15 A/C released 30-500# GP bombs on Frankfurt Repair Shop at M-659618. Bombing was very good with all except two hits in target area. Heavy columns of black smoke and one explosion were noted. One A/C released 2-500# GP bombs on gravel pit at M-6560 - NRO. Squadron then strafed ground targets: damaged 1 locomotive and 2 G/Ws at M-6562; one locomotive and 3 M/Ts destroyed at M-6657; one concrete mixer and 5 G/Ws destroyed and 4 round yellow objects damaged in same area; one locomotive destroyed at Urberach M-7554 and 2 large gas tanks destroyed (burning) at M-7554; one large gas tank destroyed at M-6656; one M/T and one filling station damaged at M-6854; 4 G/Ws damaged at M-6656; one M/T destroyed at M-6854; one M/T destroyed at M-6554; one locomotive and 3 G/Ws destroyed at M-6651; one locomotive and 7 G/Ws damaged at M-6545; one locomotive and 3 G/Ws damaged at M-6545. Squadron of 16 A/C then left enemy territory at 0910, landing at Y-34 at 0951. No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. The flak over bombing target was heavy, intense and accurate and light, intense and inaccurate; at M/T at M-6545 it was light, intense and fairly accurate. Much rail activity noted through out who area. The weather was 8/10 at 3-4000 feet and 10/10 at 12500 feet. Visibility was good.

Field Order No. 235, Annex No. 2, para. 3L, Mission J29-9,
XX Tactical Air Command.

- A. 16 B-7Ds (D/Bombers) of the 995th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from Y-34 at 1111, 20 March 1945 to attack Aschaffenburg AFV Depot at M-978528. Upon completion of bombing, squadron to conduct armed recon over Hanau, Friedberg, Giessen, Ussingen and Frankfurt Areas. 16 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs. One A/C aborted shortly after take-off due to belly tank failure. This A/C jettisoned 2-500# GP bombs safe at U-9959. 15 A/C proceeded on mission as briefed, arriving over enemy territory at 1158. At 1205, 15 A/C released 30-500# GP bombs on Aschaffenburg AFV Depot M-9873. Bombing was excellent. 16 bombs fell in center of a group buildings, destroying two buildings, and damaging 2 others. 14 bombs fell on west side of target area with one large building and one small square building destroyed. One long narrow building was damaged. Squadron then made one pass at gun position just east of target. Flashes were observed but NRO. 15 A/C then left enemy territory at 1258, landing at Y-34 at 1336. One A/C was damaged by heavy AA. No E/A were encountered. The flak at Worms M-4515 was heavy, weak and accurate; at M-9752 it was light, weak and inaccurate. M/T at M-9752 was observed to contain 200 G/Ws. 20 barges were observed along Rhine River at M-5248. The weather was 6/10 at 2500 to 4000 feet and 8/10 at 15000 feet. Visibility was 15 miles.

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A. Field Order No. 235, Annex No. 2, para. 3M, Mission J29-10,
IX Tactical Air Command.

16 F47Ds of the 397th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from Y-34 at 1119, 20 March 1945 to attack the Wehrheim M/T Depot at M-600876. Upon completion of bombing, squadron to conduct armed recon over Giessen and Bingen Areas. 16 A/C each carried 2-500# GP Bombs. Squadron of 16 A/C proceeded on mission as briefed, arriving over enemy territory at 1150. Squadron under control of Ripsaw #2. At 1200, 15 A/C released 30-500# GP bombs on buildings at Wehrheim M/T Depot M-6088. Bombing was good with good concentration of bombs on building areas. All buildings were shattered. One A/C released 2-500# GP bombs on 12 G/Ws in M/T at M-5199. Bombing was poor - target was missed. Squadron then strafed and damaged 12 G/Ws in the same M/T. Squadron of 16 A/C then left enemy territory at 1245, landing at Y-34 at 1349. No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. The flak over airfield at M-5395 was light, weak and inaccurate. Towns of Deutensheim and Karningsheim were burning. A military installation was observed at G-5317. The weather was 3-4/10 cumulus at 4-7000 feet with cirrus at 19000 feet.

Field Order No. 235, Annex No. 2, para. 3N, Mission J29-11,
IX Tactical Air Command.

A. 12 F47Ds (8-D/Bombers and 4-Escorts) of the 396th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from Y-34 at 1200, 20 March 1945 to conduct ABR (toss bomb) mission against Mannheim M/T Sheds at R-569999. Upon completion of bombing, squadron to conduct armed recon over Biblis, Darmstadt and Eberbach Areas. 8 A/C each carried 2-500# GP bombs. Squadron proceeded on mission as briefed, arriving over enemy territory at 1220. Primary target (Mannheim M/T Sheds) was covered by overcast. At 1315, 8 A/C released 16-500# GP bombs on target of opportunity - R/R overpass on autobahn, west of Ludwigsburg S-0335. Bombing (ABR) was fair with tracks cut at both approaches. 4 A/C were escort and top cover. 12 A/C then left enemy territory at 1345, landing at Y-34 at 1415. No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. 12-14 E/A were seen on A/D three miles NW of Stuttgart R-0520. The weather was 9/10 at two to 3000 feet and 5 to 6500 feet and 10/10 at 7-9000 feet with slight haze. Visibility was good.

Field Order No. 235, Annex No. 2, para. 3P, Mission J29-13,
IX Tactical Air Command.

A. 16 F47Ds (D/Bombers) of the 397th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from Y-34 at 1532, 20 March 1945 to attack Heidingsfeld M/T Park at R-587322. Upon completion of bombing, squadron to conduct armed recon over Wurzburg, Germsunden, Lohr, Aschoffenburg and Darmstadt Areas. 16 A/C each carried 2-500# GP bombs. Squadron proceeded on mission as briefed, arriving over enemy territory at 1555. At 1615, 15 A/C released 29-500# GP bombs on primary target M/T Park at R-587322. Bombing was fair with hits in target area, track cut and a train possibly damaged. A cluster of buildings in SE corner was well hit. Squadron also strafed target area but no claims made. 2x500# GP bombs were released on R-6027 - NPO. One A/C released 1x500# GP bomb on factory building which was destroyed at R-2385.

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- A. : One A/C was damaged by flak. No abortive or R/A were encountered. The flak at Worms ~~2-4215~~ was heavy, moderate and accurate; at Neustadt it was heavy, weak and very accurate. Enemy activity was noted on A/D at Siebelstadt. Four barrage balloons were noted over bridge at Worms. Seven bridges (5 of which appeared to be serviceable) were seen at Heidelberg R-7090. The weather was good.
- B. : (i) 130 F47Ds - (12-Escorts and top cover)
(118-D/Bombers)
- (16-D/Bombers - 8-Escorts-(ABR) attack Marburg Ordnance Depot - armed recce over designated areas)
 - (30-D/Bombers - attack Dietesheim Supply Depot - armed recce over designated areas)
 - (16-D/Bombers - attack Frankfurt Repair Depot - conduct armed recce over designated areas)
 - (16-D/Bombers - attack Aschoffenburg AFV Depot conduct armed recce over designated areas)
 - (16-D/Bombers - (ABR mission) attack Wehrheim M/T Depot - conduct armed recce over designated areas)
 - (8 -D/Bombers - 4-Escorts (ABR toss bomb) attack Mannheim M/T sheds - conduct armed recce over designated areas)
 - (16-D/Bombers - attack Heidingsfeld M/T Park - conduct armed recce over designated areas)
- (ii) 129 - (12-Escorts - Top cover - Completed Missions)
(117-D/Bombers - Attached targets - Completed Missions)
- (iii) 1 - D/Bomber - (c) Belly tank failure.
- (iv) NIL
- (v) NIL
- (vi) NIL
- (vii) 3 - Damaged by flak, Cat. A.
- (viii) 130
- C. : (i) 20 - 150 gallon American external belly tanks.
(ii) 8
- (i) 110 - 75 gallon American external belly tanks.
(ii) 18
- D. : (i) 328:00
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 331360 rounds 50 cal.
(ii) 13622
(iii) NIL

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F. (1) 236 - 500# GP bombs - (64 - AN M103-instant nose, AN M101A2-
1/40 tail fusing)
(172 - AN M103-1/10 nose, AN M101A2-1/100
tail fusing)

(11) 234
(111) 2
(17) NIL

G. : NIL

H. : NIL

I. :
1. 5-0-5
3. 5-0-3
4. 33-0-26
7. 2-0-0
9. 11-0-6
11. 7-0-0
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For the Commanding Officer:

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

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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 141, US Army,
25 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 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. 386 for 24 hours ending sunset 21 March 1945.
Field Order No. 236, para. 3W, Mission J29-7, XIX Tactical Air Command.

The 397th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 48 P47Ds (D/Bombers) on three squadron missions of 16 A/C each, 21 March 1945 to cut RR lines between (7) H-1411 to H-1419 and (8) from H-2292 to H-2696. 48 A/C carried a total of 19-500# GP bombs and 31-1000# GP bombs. Squadrons took off and landed at Y-34. The data on these operations is as follows:

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time o/T
1	397	16	0747	1020	Sqd. under control of Ripsaw #5 RR line No. 8. H-12292 to H-2696 was covered by overcast. 16 A/C then released 17-500# GP bombs on RR line No. 7. H-1411 to H-1519. Bombing was poor. No cuts or damage to RR. 3 M/Ts 2 H/drawn vehicles and one loco were strafed and dest. at H-1517. One M/T was also damaged in this area. One staff car was strafed and dest. at H-1314.	0835
2	397	16	1147	1410	Sqd. want to help another sqd. en- gaging E/A, but before they could be reached, 3 flights of 10 E/A each (mostly ME 109s) were observed west of Mannheim. 16 A/C released 16-1000# GP bombs at Mannheim. R-5499, just north of river. Bombing was fair. Two large bliggs. were damaged and RR cut at R-5499. Rest NRO. Sqd. then went after E/A, which were not aggressive and would not fight. One flight of our A/C chased 10 E/A to vicinity of Ludwigsberg S-0734. E/A went down thru clouds and were lost. No claims were made.	

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Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
3	397	16	1517	1752	8 A/C released 8-1000# GP bombs on RR line 7, N-1417. Bombing was poor. No cuts observed. All were near misses. 8 A/C released 7-1000# GP bombs on RR line 8. Bombing was good with road over RR dest. at N-2394. Tracks were also cut in two places. Sqd. then strafed M/Y at N-2655 claiming 20 oil and flat cars dest. and 10 damaged. 15 G/Ws were strafed and damaged in M/Y at N-2292. One 500# GP bomb fell off at take-off.	1630

- A. : No damaged or abortive A/C were encountered. The flak at Frankfurt was heavy, weak and inaccurate; at Mannheim it was heavy, weak and very accurate; at M-8760 it was light, intense and inaccurate. Five E/A were observed on A/D east of Worms M-5015. The weather on the first mission was 5/10 at 5-6000 feet. Visibility was poor. Scud was encountered on the second mission over target area. On the third mission it was 7/10 at 5000 to 6000 feet.

Field Order No. 236 para. 3I, Mission J29-8, XIX Tactical Air Command.

- A. : The 395th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 48 P47Ds (47-D/Bombers and 1-Escort) on a total of three squadron missions of 16 A/C each, 21 March 1945 to cut RR lines (9) between N-1058 to N-1859 and (10) from N-0239 to N-0245. 32 A/C each carried 1x1000# GP bomb and 15 A/C each carried 1x500# GP bomb. Squadrons took off and landed at Y-34. The data on these operations is as follows:

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
1	395	16	0805	1033	4 A/C dropped 4-500# GP bombs at M-5215-NRO. 5 A/C released 5-500# GP bombs on RR line No. 10, cutting tracks at N-022400, N-025415 and N-023409. 6 A/C released 6-500# GP bombs on RR line No. 9, cutting tracks at N-080570, N-106580 and N-160590 - a tunnel entrance was also closed by bombing at this point. Bombing was very good. Sqd. then strafed following ground targets: 2 locos dest. and 3 damaged at M-8738; 1 M/T dest. at M-8240; one loco dest. and 10 G/Ws damaged at M-9224; 2 locos dest. and 20 G/Ws damaged at M/Y M-9035. 2 A/C were damaged by flak, one of which belly landed at base, and another belly landed at M-3617. Pilot has since returned to sqd. One A/C completed the mission as an escort.	0830

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Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
2	395	16	1213	1418	7 A/C released 7-1000# GP bombs on RR line No. 9. - N-126580, cutting tracks in one place. Two hits observed in M/Y at N-1760, cutting tracks in two places and destroying 6 G/Ws and one oil car. Bombing was good. 9 A/C released 9-1000# GP bombs on RR line No. 10. Bombing was fair. All bombs were near misses. One direct hit on tunnel entrance at N-1760 was observed. One M/T and one horsedrawn vehicle strafed and dest. at N-7636.	1255
3	395	16	1535	1803	8 A/C released 8-1000# GP bombs on RR line No. 9, cutting tracks at N-140580 and N-130580. 4 A/C released 4-1000# GP bombs on RR line No. 10. with two near misses and possible damage to tracks. 4 A/C released 4-1000# GP bombs on tracks, cutting them in two places at N-730475 and one place at N-759409; also dest. one loco at this point. Bombing was good. Sqd. then strafed locos and G/Ws between M-750410 and M-750420, claiming 2 locos and 14 G/Ws damaged; one M/T dest. at M-770420 and 5 M/Ts damaged at M-790380 by strafing.	

- A. : No abortive or R/A were encountered on these missions. Two A/C were damaged by flak and belly landings. The flak at Worms M-4625 was heavy, weak and accurate; at M-8240 it was light, weak and inaccurate; at M-0140 it was light, moderate and inaccurate. The weather on the first mission was 9/10 at 3-5000 feet with high clouds. Later it was 3/10 strato-cumulus at 5-6000 feet. Visibility was 10 plus miles.

Field Order No. 236 para. 3J, Mission J29-9, XIX Tactical Air Command.

- A. : The 396th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 24 P47Ds (D/Bombers) on two squadron missions of 12 A/C each, 21 March 1945 to cut R/R lines between (11) M-9115 and M-9121 and between (12) M-6400 to M-6705. 12 A/C each carried 1x500# GP bomb and 12 A/C each carried 1x1000# GP bomb. 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	1132	1339	6 A/C released 6-500# GP bombs on RR line No. 12 M-6501, cutting east track in 1 place. 4 G/Ws were dest. and 6 damaged. Bombing was good. Rip saw 5 called R/A into sqd. 6 A/C then jettisoned 6-500# GP bombs at M-7000. Sqd. bounced 15 ME 109s and FW 190s at 1230 at R-6595. During encounter which followed, 2 ME 109s were damaged. 12 R/A were seen SW of Mannheim and an ME 262 but no encounter made.	

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Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
2	396	12	1437	1640	12 A/C released 12-1000# GP bombs on RR tracks Line No. 12, at M-6603. Bombing was fair with RR cut in one place. Sqd. then strafed and damaged 20 locos between M-7846 and M-9554.	1505

A. : No damaged or abortive A/C encountered on these missions. The flak at M-6397 and M-5724 was heavy, weak and inaccurate. Four-five barrage balloons were observed at R-5375. The weather was 5/10 at 3-5000 feet to GAVU.

B. : (i) 120 P47Ds - (1 - Escort and top cover)
(119- D/Bombers)
(48-D/Bombers - to cut RR tracks on lines 7 and 8)
(47-D/Bombers - to cut RR lines 9 and 10)
(24-D/Bombers - to cut RR lines 11 and 12)

(ii) 120 - 1-Escort - Completed Mission.
113-D/Bombers - attacked targets - completed mission.
5-D/Bombers - jettisoned bombs to attack E/A.

(iii) NIL
(iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) NIL
(vii) 3 - D/Bombers - 1-Damaged by flak, Cat. A.
2-Damaged by flak and forced landings,
1-Cat. AC, 1-Cat. E.

(viii) 120

C. : (i) 2 - 75 gallon American external belly tanks.
(ii) NIL

D. : (i) 294:30
(ii) NIL

E. : (i) 303360 rounds 50 cal.
(ii) 41914
(iii) NIL

F. : (i) 46 x 500# GP bombs (AN M103-1/10 nose and AN M101A2-1/100 tail fusing)
75 x 1000# GP bombs (AN M103-1/10 nose and AN M101A2-1/100 tail fusing)

(ii) 39 - 500# GP bombs
75 - 1000# GP bombs
(iii) 6 - 500# GP bombs
(iv) NIL

G. : NIL

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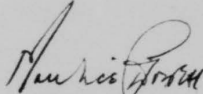
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H. : In Air - 0-0-2

- (i) NIL
- (ii) NIL
- (iii) 1 - ME 109 - Major Dennis Crisp, 396th Fighter Squadron.
1 - ME 109 - 1st Lt George P. Ohlman, 396th Fighter Sqd.
- (iv) 45 - ME 109s

- I. :
- 1. 7-0-6
 - 3. 7-0-25
 - 4. 31-0-75
 - 9. 0-0-2
 - 10. 1-0-0
 - 11. 19-0-0
 - 13. 3-0-0
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For the Commanding Officer:


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

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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

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

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

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Oprep A, No 387 for 24 hours ending sunset 22 March 1945.
Field Order No. 237, Para 3F, Mission J29-5, XIX Tactical
Air Command.A. : The 397th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group
dispatched a total of 32 P47Ds (D/D) on two squadron mis-
sions of 16 A/C each, 22 March 1945, to cut R/R lines be-
tween (7) H-1411 to H-1519 and (8) H-2092 to H 2696. 32
A/C each carried 1x1000# GP bomb. Squadron took off and
landed at Y-34. The data on these missions is as follows:

Mission No.	Sqd	A/C Disp.	Time Up	Time Down	Target	TOT
1	397	16	0640	0914	8 A/C released 8x1000# GP bombs on R/R line #7, cutting rails at H-1418. Bombing was fair. 7 A/C released 7x1000# GP bombs on R/R lines #8, cutting rails in 3 places, at H-210920. 2 loco and 2 G/Ws were dest. A/C also strafed these targets. 2 near misses cut an embankment at H-210920. Bombing was excellent. One A/C released 1x1000# GP bomb at H-1686 cut rails in 1 place. Squadron then strafed following targets: 4 locos destroyed and 30 G/Ws damaged in vi- cinity of Bad Soden, H-1689. 2 locos destroyed and 20 G/Ws damaged at H-2394. 1 loco and 2 tank cars destroyed and 10 G/Ws damaged at H-9878. One factory strafed and damaged at Steinau, H-2392.	0730



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Mission No.	Sqd	A/C Disp.	Time Up	Time Down	Target	TOT
2	397	16	1023	1309	Squadron under control of Ripsaw #5. 16 A/C released 16x1000# GP bombs on R/R line #7 H-141180. Bombing was good with rails cut in one place and damaged in three other places. One loco was strafed and destroyed at H-1518. Squadron then strafed following ground targets in vicinity of H-1111: A long, low building in a military supply depot exploded with flames rising 1000 feet and smoke seen at 6000 feet. Several buildings also destroyed by explosions and strafing. 30 plus R/R cars were destroyed, two bldgs, 10 small storage huts destroyed and 2 bldgs damaged; 45 camouflaged M/Ts damaged; piles of incendiary bomb casings damaged. The entire area appeared to be on fire.	1120

One A/C damaged by flak. One A/C was damaged by ground explosion. No abortive or R A/C encountered. The flak at H-9878 was light, weak, and fairly accurate; at Hanan H-8572 it was heavy moderate, and accurate. Much road activity observed throughout area during early hours. A convoy of 12-15 M/Ts were seen west of Steinau, H-2392. The weather was CAVU.

Field Order No 237, Apra 30, Mission J29-6, XIX Tactical Air Command.

A. The 396th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 27 P47Ds (14 D/D-13 Escorts) on a total of 2 squadron missions, AIBR (Toss Bomb), 22 March 1945 to attack Fulda R/R Bridge. 14 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs. Squadron took off and landed at Y-34. The data on these operations is as follows:

Mission No.	Sqd	A/C Disp.	Time Up	Time Down	Target	TOT
1	396	11	0708	0935	One A/C (escort) aborted shortly after take-off due to vapor lock. 6 A/C released 12-500# GP bombs on R/R bridge at Tiefengruben, H-3714. Briefed target was covered by overcast. Bombing (AIBR) was fair. Tracks cut both ends of bridge. No hits observed on bridge. 4 A/C acted as top cover.	0815
2	396	16	1054	1332	8 A/C released 16-500# GP bombs on R/R bridge and R/R at H-290020.	1120

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Bridge was believed hit, but obscured by smoke. Bombing (AEBR) was good. 8 A/C were top cover. One Me 109 was seen being chased by a P51 on deck at M-1090, at 1215 but could not be caught. No encounter made.

No damaged or E A/C encountered on these missions. The flak at Dormstadt, M-8642 was heavy, moderate and inaccurate; at Honau, M 8571 and M 9274 flak was heavy, moderate and fairly accurate. Two large oil fires observed west of M-0178. 50 G/Ws and 2 locomotives seen in M/Y at Fulda. The weather was 4/10 stratus at 6000 to 7000 feet. Visibility was good on 1st mission and GAVU on 2nd mission.

Field Order No 237, Para 3 H, Mission J29-7, XEX Tactical Air Command.

- A. : The 395th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 30 P47Ds (D/B) on two squadron missions, 22 March 1945 to cut R/R lines between (11) M9115 to M9121 and (12) M6400 to M6705. 30 A/C each carried 1x1000# GP bomb. Squadron took off and landed at Y-34. The data on these operations is as follows:

Mission No.	Sqd	A/C Disp.	Time Up	Time Down	Target	TOT
1	395	16	0653	0924	2 A/C aborted one due to failure of 0820 hydraulic system and one as its escort. 2 A/C jettisoned 2x1000# GP bombs safe at U-8323. 8 A/C released 8x1000# GP bombs on rails at R/R line (11) M-902198, cutting tracks in 1 place. Bombing was fair. 6 A/C released 6x1000# GP bombs on R/R line (12) at M-652018. Bombing was fair with tracks cut in one place. Squadron then strafed following targets: 1 loco destroyed and 4 G/Ws damaged at M-9118; one loco destroyed at M-7410 and one loco destroyed at M-8510. Ripsaw #5 called E/A into the Squadron wbut none were found.	
2	395	14	1039	1244	6 A/C released 6x1000# GP bombs on 1115 rails at R/R line #12. Bombing was poor, all were near misses. 8 A/C released 8x1000# GP bombs at R/R line #11, M918118. Bombing was fair with a bridge and bridge fill damaged with one hit, rest near misses. 2 ME262 were seen bombing and strafing our troops at R3892. E/A were too fast to catch.	

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No damaged or E A/C encountered. The flak at M-6706 was light, weak and inaccurate. 30 plus M/Ts were seen under artillery fire in vicinity of R1058. Ten to twelve balloons were seen over a bridge at Speyer, R-5080. The weather was, haze up to 5000 feet, visibility was 5 miles.

- B. : (i) 89 P47Ds 13 escorts (32 D/B to cut rails on Lines 7&8
76 D/Bs (14 D/B 13 Escorts to execute AIBR
(toss bomb) missions and attack
Pulda Railroad Bridge)
(32 D/B to cut rails on Line 11&12.
- (ii) 86 12 Escort completed missions
74 D/B attacked targets.
- (iii) 3 2 (c) (escort) Vapor lock, 1 (D/B) landing gear,
Hydraulic failure.
1 (d) (D/B) escort to abortive aircraft.
- (iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 2 damaged flak, 1 cat AC
damaged by ground explosion 1, Cat AC
- (viii) 89
- C. : (i) 27 75 gal American external belly tanks.
(ii) Nil
- D. : (i) 227:15
(ii) Nil
- E. : (i) 227440 rd .50 cal.
(ii) 20911
(iii) Nil
- F. : (i) 28x500# GP bombs (AMM103 1/10 nose and AMM101A2 tail
fusing).
62x1000# GP bombs (32-AMM103 1/10 nose and AMM101A2
tail fusing)
(16-AMM103 1/10 nose and AMM101A2
1/100 tail fusing)
(8-AMM103 instant nose and AMM101A2
1/100 tail fusing)
(8-AMM114 8-10 sec delay tail fusing)
- (ii) 28-500# GP
60-1000# GP
(iii) 2-1000# GP
(iv) Nil
- G. : Nil.
- H. : Nil.

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- I. : 1. 0-0-48
 3. 13-0-0
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 5. 0-0-2
 7. 1-0-0
 9. 15-0-3
 11. 12-0-3

Field Order No. 237, Para 3I, Mission 29-2, XIX Tactical Air Command.

- A. : 4 P47Ds of the 396th Fighter Squadron, 368th Fighter Group took off from Y-34 at 1315, 22 March 1945 to make simulated D/B and strafing attack against friendly AA Gun positions in vicinity of Wecker, LO29313. Flight was recalled from mission by order of 100th Fighter Wing. The flight of 4 A/C landed at Y-34 at 1415. No damaged or B A/C were encountered. The weather was CAVU.

Field Order No. 237, Annex No 1, Para 3K, Mission J29-9, XIX Tactical Air Command.

- A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 46 P47Ds on three squadron missions, 22 March 1945, to conduct armed Recce against rail targets along the following lines: (1) Fulda, Hersfeld; (2) Hersfeld, Nisenach, Meiningen; and (3) Meiningen, Schweinfurt. Squadrons took off and landed at Y-34. The data on these operations is as follows.

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Disp	Time		Target	TOT
			Up	Down		
1	396	16	1446	1745	2 A/C aborted, 1 external booster pump failure, 1 as its escort. Squadron of 14 A/C strafed and destroyed 3 G/Ws and damaged 8 locos in vicinity of Meiningen. Also strafed and damaged 2 railroad guns in same area. Squadron strafed loco and G/Ws at H8004, causing a terrific explosion which cut the rails, destroyed 4 G/Ws and damaged 2. 8 G/Ws were strafed and damaged at H8104. These targets were found while squadron made recce of area of Meiningen.	1600
2	397	16	1503	1804	Flight flew to Fulda and strafed targets in this area. Destroyed 30 G/Ws loaded with ammo, damaged 40 G/Ws; damaged 30 oil cars, destroyed 100 G/Ws, 31 oil cars, 6 M/Ts, 3 loco and damaged 6 M/Ts, 10 G/Ws loaded with	1625

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Mission No.	Sqd	A/C Disp	Time Up	Time Down	Target	TOT
2 cont'd.					A/C parts; destroyed 5 M/Ts. Two trains which were strafed, continued to explode and burn which accounted for some of the claims.	
3	396	14	1524	1820	2 A/C aborted, one due to hydraulic leak in down lock cylinder the other as his escort. Squadron of 12 A/C flew area of Hersfeld, Eisenback and Meiningen area. 2 A/C damaged by explosions from the ground. No E A/C encountered on any of these missions.	1554

2 A/C damaged by explosions from the ground, No E A/C encountered on any of these missions. The flak at H 9022 was intense, accurate and light, at Fulda it was weak, inaccurate and light, at Frankfurt it was weak, inaccurate and heavy, at M5232 and M5429 it was weak, inaccurate and heavy. The weather was CAVU.

B. : (i) 50 P47Ds (4 to simulate dive-bombing and strafing passes on friendly AA positions at Wecker, L-029313.)
(46 P47Ds for rail targets in areas of Fulda, Hersfeld, and Meiningen).

(ii) 42 completed A/R and strafed targets

(iii) 8 2 (c) 1 external fuel booster pump failure; 1 hydraulic leak in down lock cylinder
6 (d) 2 A/C as escorts to abortive A/C
4 A/C recalled from simulating D/B and strafing mission on friendly AA.

(iv) Nil

(v) Nil

(vi) Nil

(vii) 2 damaged by flying debris, 1 cat A, 1 cat AC.

(viii) 50

C. : (i) 46- 75 gal American external belly tanks.
(ii) Nil

D. : (i) 146:00 (5:45 on simulating flight not considered combat time).
(ii) Nil.

E. : (i) 129120 rds. .50 cal.
(ii) 36622.
(iii) Nil.

F. : (i) Nil

G. : Nil

H. : Nil

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I. : 1. 11-0-6
3. 3-0-8
4. 168-0-90
6. 0-0-2
11. 1-0-0

For the Commanding Officer:

Maurice D. Powell
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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 141, US Army,
27 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

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

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : S E C R E T

Oprep A No. 388 for 24 hours ending sunset 23 March 1945.
Field Order No. 238, para. 3D, Mission J29-2, XIX Tactical
Air Command.A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 140 P47Ds
(D/Bombers) on nine squadron missions, 23 March 1945 to conduct
armed recesses by squadrons over (1) Darmstadt, Aschoffenburg, Bad
Homburg, Weisbaden, (2) Darmstadt, Eberbach and Neustadt, (3)
Aschoffenburg and Wurzburg. 140 A/C each carried 2x260# frag
bombs (M81). 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	16	0647	0905	2 A/C aborted shortly after takeoff. Turbo on one A/C went out and one A/C as its escort. 2 A/C jettisoned 4-260# M81 frag bombs at U-8353. 14 A/C released 28x260# frag bombs on town of Disburg at M-8045, when warned of M/A in Mannheim-Frankfurt Areas. Bombing was fair with some fires started in town. Sqd. then strafed following ground targets: one loco dest. at Oftheim M-9556; 1 loco dest. 4 G/Ws damaged at M-9262; 1 loco dest. at M-9695; one loco damaged at M-6502.	0720

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Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
2	395	16	0702	0934	At 0740, sqd. was bounced by 2 FW 190 at 10,000 feet, south of Oppenheim between M-6249 and M-4539. 16 A/C then jettisoned 32-260# frag bombs safe at Oppenheim M-4539, just before being attacked by 2 FW 190s. Two long nosed FW 190s were dest. during encounter which followed. Sqd. then strafed following targets: one loco and 11 G/Ws damaged and 1 G/W dest. at M-6332; one loco dest. at M-6325; one loco dest. at N-0656; 3 locos damaged at M-0254; one loco dest. at N-8882; two locos dest at M-9775.	0836
3	397	16	0715	1015	4 A/C released 8-260# frag bombs on bldgs. and 4 M/Ts in vicinity of Rahrhunn N-1945. Bombing was good with one bldg. and 4 M/Ts damaged. 12 A/C released 24-260# frag bombs on M/Y at Wurzburg N-5437. Bombing was good with explosions and fires noted, one large bldg. and one switch tower damaged. Smoke covered entire target area. Sqd. then strafed following targets: 3 M/Ts damaged and 1 M/T dest. at N-6733; one loco dest. and 25 G/Ws damaged and 9 coaches damaged at N-6935; one radio station damaged at N-6734; one loco dest. and 28 G/Ws damaged at N-6535; one M/T damaged in same area; one JU88 and 2 ME 109s dest. on the ground at Wurzburg N-6134; one loco dest. at N-0721; 2 locos dest. at N-0824; 2 locos damaged at N-6736.	0810
4	396	16	1105	1336	8 A/C released 16-260# frag bombs on A/D at Dilibis N-5521. Bombing was fair with eastern hangar damaged. Rest of bombs fell on southern end of field. 2 A/C released 4-260# frag bombs on factory and G/Ws at M-7844. Bombing was good with factory and 5 G/Ws damaged. 4 A/C released 8-260# frag bombs on 75 G/Ws at M-7742. Bombing was fair with 7 G/Ws damaged. 2 A/C released 4-260# frag bombs on loco (damaged) at M-7247. Sqd. then strafed following targets: One JU52 and 2 single engine A/C damaged at A/D at M-5521. One Gas M/T and trailer dest. at M-7745; 40 G/Ws damaged at M-7844; 1 G/W dest. and 74 G/Ws damaged at M-7742; 3 fuel storage tanks dest and 2 others NRO at M-5411; one heavy AA gun dest. and one light gun damaged at M-7644.	1135

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Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
5	395	16	1124	1415	8 A/C released 16-260# frag bombs on M/Y at M-7778. Bombing was good with 4 direct hits. One fire was started. 5 G/Ws dest. and 5 G/Ws damaged. 4 A/C released 8-260# frag bombs on M/Y at M-6846. Bombing was fair with 10 G/Ws damaged. 4 A/C released 8-260# frag bombs on M/Y at M-9954. Bombing was fair with one G/W dest. and 8 damaged. 15 G/Ws were then strafed and damaged in this area. Sqd. then strafed following targets: 3 oil fires started, 3 M/Ts on G/Ws dest. 5 G/Ws dest. and 5 G/Ws damaged at M-7778; 1 control tower was damaged and 15 G/Ws damaged at M-6846; 1 M/T and 3 horsedrawn vehicles dest. and 2 M/Ts damaged at M-7678.	1230
6	397	14	1146	1428	8 A/C released 16-260# frag bombs on M/Y at M-9953. Bombing was good with large explosions and much flame and smoke noted. 8 G/Ws were dest. and 4 damaged. 2 A/C released 4-260# frag bombs on G/Ws at N-0456. Bombing was good with 10 G/Ws dest. and 10 G/Ws damaged. 4 A/C released 8-260# frag bombs at N-0755 near Aschoffenburg NRO. Sqd. then strafed following targets: one bus and 4 G/Ws dest. at N-0757; 2 fires started, two large explosions noted, 66 G/Ws damaged, one loco damaged in same area N-0757; 3 locos dest., 3 locos and 7 G/Ws damaged and several locos in bldg. strafed NRO at N-1158; 15 barges were damaged at N-2032; 15 oil cars and 5 M/Ts damaged at N-2133.	1230
7	396	16	1520	1758	2 A/C released 4-260# frag bombs on town at N-6516 - NRO. 14 A/C released 28-260# frag bombs on G/Ws in M/Y at Eberbach M-9097. Bombing was good with 8 G/Ws dest. and 6 bldgs. left burning. Sqd. then strafed a possible supply dump in woods at M-5812-NRO.	1555
8	395	14	1542	1815	14 A/C released 28-260# frag bombs on M/Y at NE of Darmstadt M-6847. Bombing was very good with a large fire spreading over whole area and enveloping a train which exploded. 50 G/Ws dest. and 50 G/Ws damaged. Sqd. strafed following targets: 2 G/Ws at N-0355, 6 G/Ws at N-0108, 4 locos dest., 11 G/Ws dest., 20 G/Ws damaged, 10 M/Ts dest. (on flat cars) in M/Y at N-0479. Oil warehouse dest. at N-0378.	1620

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Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
9	397	16	1606	1856	12 A/C released 32-260# frag bombs on A/D at Wurzburg N-6134. Bombing was very good with hangar hit by three direct hits. 6 E/A hit - 2 burning and others sparking - claims 4 ME 109s dest. and 2 ME 109s damaged. Sqd. then strafed ammo dump at N-7045, dest. 6 barracks, and fires started, 6 M/Ts dest. Strafed M/Y, dest. 5 G/W, Two locos damaged, 15 G/Ws damaged. Strafed A/D at N-8034, dest. 1 ME 262 and damaged one ME 262 on the ground.	1715

- A. : The flak at N-8861 was moderate, inaccurate and heavy; at N-6325 it was moderate, inaccurate and light; at N-6133 it was moderate, light and accurate; at N-9953 it was moderate, inaccurate and light; at N-5216 it was moderate, inaccurate and heavy. 35 barges were seen on Main River at N-0824. 300 G/Ws were seen in M/Y at N-6846. 15 E/A were observed on A/D at N-2730. The weather was CAVU with slight haze.
- B. : (i) 140 P47Ds (48-D/Bombers - To conduct armed reces in vicinity of Eberbach)
(46-D/Bombers - To conduct armed reces in vicinity of Aschaffenburg)
(46-D/Bombers - To conduct armed reces in vicinity of Wurzburg)
- (ii) 136 - 122-D/Bombers attacked targets
14-D/Bombers jettisoned bombs to engage E/A
- (iii) 4 - 2-(c) Turbo would not function, 1-Flutter in aileron.
2-(d) Escorts to abortive A/C.
- (iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) NIL
(vii) 6 - 4-Damaged by flak, Cat. A.
1-Damaged by debris, Cat. A.
1-Damaged by bomb blast, Cat. AC.
- (viii) 140
- C. : (i) 18 - 150 gallon American external belly tanks.
(ii) 3
(i) 122 - 75 gallon American external belly tanks.
(ii) 16
- D. : (i) 397:00
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 360720 rounds 50 cal.
(ii) 97139
(iii) NIL

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F. : (i) 280 x 260# M81 Frag bombs - (M103-nose.)
 (ii) 244
 (iii) 36
 (iv) NIL

G. : NIL

H. : In Air 2-0-0

(i) 1-FW 190 - Capt. Howard W. Jensen, 395th Fighter Squadron.
 1-FW 190 - 1st Lt. Kenneth R Snyder, 395th Fighter Squadron.
 (ii) NIL
 (iii) NIL
 (iv) 2-FW 190

On Ground 8-0-6

(i) 1-JU88 - 1st Lt. Bob V Barker and 2nd Lt James W Chancellor,
 397th Fighter Squadron.
 1-ME 109 - 2nd Lt. Maurice J Shea, 397th Fighter Squadron.
 1-ME 109 - 2nd Lt Billy B Arledge, 397th Fighter Squadron.
 4-ME 109 - Bombed by 397th Fighter Squadron.
 1-ME 262 - Lt Col. Paul P Dbuglas, Hq, 368th Fighter Group
 (ii) NIL
 (iii) 1-JU52
 2-S/E unidentified A/C : Strafed by 396th Fighter Squadron.
 2-ME 109 - Bombed by 397th Fighter Squadron.
 1-ME 262 - 2nd Lt Eugene P Buck, 397th Fighter Squadron.

I. : 1. 24-0-15
 3. 20-0-14
 4. 115-0-418
 6. 1-0-1
 7. 2-0-0
 8. 0-0-2
 9. 7-0-12
 12. 0-0-15
 13. 3-0-0
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For the Commanding Officer:

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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 141, US Army,
28 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

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

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : SECRET

Oprep A No. 389 for 24 hours ending sunset (24 March 1945).
Field Order No. 239, para. 3D, Mission PFV-2, XIX Tactical Air Command.

A. : The 395th Fighter Squadron dispatched a total of 56 P47Ds on a total of seven squadron missions, 24 March 1945 to give area cover for XII Corps operations in the area of Gernersheim, Gerau, Mainz and Gernersheim. All missions took off and landed at Y-34. The data on these operations is as follows:

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
1	395	8	0546	0826	Sqd. performed area cover. Investigated some ME 109s to be in area but none found. Sqd. then strafed 7 locos and 40 G/Ws, (dest.) 3 locos & damaged 2 others.	0621
2	395	8	0656	0943	Sqd. performed area cover. Uneventful patrol mission.	0726
3	395	8	0914	1151	Sqd. gave area cover. Uneventful. Sqd. strafed 800 Germans at M-4952. NRO. Sqd. then strafed and damaged an ME 110 on the ground at M-6161. E/A had been damaged before - no claim made.	0945
4	395	8	1027	1307	Sqd. flew uneventful area cover. Saw an FW 190 on deck which was lost from view over woods.	1055
5	395	8	1230	1510	Sqd. gave uneventful area cover.	1310
6	395	8	1408	1652	Sqd. gave uneventful area cover	1438

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Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
7	395	8	1600	1909	Sqd. flew uneventful area cover.	1637

A. : No abortive or E/A were encountered on any of these patrols. One A/C was damaged by small arms fire. The flak at M-6161 was moderate, heavy, and accurate. Small arms fire scattered throughout area. The flak at Frankfurt was medium, heavy and inaccurate and also weak, accurate and heavy; at M-4559 it was weak, inaccurate and light. The weather was hazy to 5000 feet on morning missions and 2/10 at 8 to 10000 feet on the afternoon missions.

A. : The 396th Fighter Squadron dispatched a total of 56 P47Ds on a total of seven squadron missions, 24 March 1945 to give area cover for XII Corps Operations in area of Mannheim, Aschaffenburg. All missions took off and landed at Y-34. The data on these operations is as follows:

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
1	396	8	0607	0844	Sqd. flew uneventful area cover. Sqd. then strafed loco and 15 G/Ws at M-7548 - dest. 1 loco and 1 G/W and damaged 3 G/Ws.	0637
2	396	8	0715	1020	Sqd. flew uneventful area cover. Sqd. then strafed loco and 30 G/Ws at M-6905, damaging 1 loco and 10 G/Ws.	0750
3	396	8	0910	1155	Sqd. flew uneventful area cover. Sqd. strafed loco, 8 G/Ws and M/T, destroying 1 loco and 1 M/T.	0940
4	396	8	1047	1326	Sqd. flew uneventful area cover. Sqd. then strafed 1 oil truck, 2 command cars and 1 M/T - all dest.	1117
5	396	8	1227	1527	Sqd. flew uneventful area cover.	1247
6	396	8	1414	1722	Area cover uneventful. Sqd. then strafed 20 G/Ws, damaging 15.	1444
7	396	8	1603	1857	area cover uneventful.	1633

A. : No abortive or E/A were encountered. One A/C was damaged by small arms fire. The flak at M-7653 was weak, inaccurate and light; at N-0154 it was moderate, inaccurate and heavy; at R-6990 it was moderate, fairly accurate and heavy; at M-5221 it was moderate, fairly accurate and heavy. Rail activity observed in area. 25 E/A were seen on A/D at N-2630. The weather was CAVU with slight haze up to 3000 feet. Later in the day, it was one to two-tenths cumulus at 8000 feet.

A. : The 397th Fighter Squadron dispatched a total of 64 P47Ds on a total of 8 squadron missions, 24 March 1945 to give area cover for XII Corps Operations in area of Weisbaden, Bad Nauheim and Aschaffenburg. All missions took off and landed at Y-34. The data on these operations is as follows:

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Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
1	397	8	0633	0903	Area Cover uneventful. Sqd. strafed 12 passenger cars and 2 locos, destroying 2 locos and damaging 12 cars.	0700
2	v 397	8	0747	1115	Uneventful area cover. Sqd. strafed and dest. a M/T.	0815
3	397	8	0957	1251	Area cover uneventful.	1025
4	397	8	1159	1441	Area cover uneventful.	1230
5	397	8	1335	1625	Area cover uneventful.	1405
6	397	8	1515	1813	Area cover uneventful.	1545
7	397	8	1657	1907	Area cover uneventful	1730
8	397	8	1749	1919	Area cover uneventful.	1815

- A. : No abortive, damaged or E/ A encountered on these missions. The flak at M-5668 was weak, accurate and heavy; at M-6161 (A/D) it was moderate, accurate and heavy; at M-9164 it was weak fairly accurate and heavy; at M-8477 it was weak, fairly accurate and heavy; at M-8876 it was weak fairly accurate and heavy; at M-085775 it was intense, fairly accurate and heavy. Enemy troop concentration believed to be at M-8956. Enemy M/T traffic observed in area of M-785420. The weather was CAVU with some haze up to 5000 feet, going to 10000 feet later in the day.
- B. : (i) 176 P47Ds - (56 - Area cover for VII Corps Operations in area of Germersheim, Geran, Mainz)
 (56 - Area cover for XII Corps Operations in area of Mannheim and Aschaffenburg)
 (64 - Area cover for XII Corps Operations in area of Weisbaden, Bad Nauheim and Aschaffenburg)
- (ii) 176
 (iii) NIL
 (iv) NIL
 (v) NIL
 (vi) NIL
 (vii) 2 - Damaged by small arms fire, Oct. A.
 (viii) 176
- C. : (i) 45 - 150 gallon American external belly tanks.
 (ii) 1
 (i) 131 - 75 gallon American external belly tanks.
 (ii) 7
- D. : (i) 498,30
 (ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 449280 rounds 50 cal.
 (ii) 13923
 (iii) NIL
 (iv) NIL
- F. : NIL

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G. : NIL
 H. : NIL
 I. : 1. 8-0-0
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 4. 1-0-40
 16. 1

Field Order No. 239, para. 3D, Mission PFV-2, XIX Tactical
 Air Command.

A. : 8 P47Ds (D/Bombers) of the 396th Fighter Squadron took off from Y-34 at 1642 on a squadron mission 24 March 1945 to give area cover for XII Corps Operations in area of Mannheim and Aschaffenburg. 8 A/C carrying a total of 10x500# GP bombs, arrived over area at 1712. Squadron gave area cover. No enemy A/C were encountered. 7 A/C released 9x500# GP bombs in town of Hahn at M-5933. Bombing was excellent. Fire was started. One A/C released 1x500# GP bomb on town of Eberstadt at M-6536. Bombing was excellent. A fire was also started. Squadron then strafed town of Eberstadt - NRO. 8 A/C left enemy territory at 1842, landing at Y-34 at 1913. No abortive or damaged A/C encountered. The flak at M-6536 was intense, fairly accurate and light; at M-5722 it was moderate, fairly accurate and heavy. Six halftracks were seen in Eberstadt. The weather was fair with poor visibility.

B. : (i) 8 P47Ds (D/Bombers - Area cover for XII Corps Operations in area of Mannheim and Aschaffenburg)
 (ii) 8
 (iii) NIL
 (iv) NIL
 (v) NIL
 (vi) NIL
 (vii) NIL
 (viii) 8

C. : (i) 2 - 150 gallon American external belly tanks.
 (ii) NIL

D. : (i) 20,00
 (ii) NIL

E. : (i) 22400 rounds 50 cal.
 (ii) 2220
 (iii) NIL

F. : (i) 10 - 500# GP bomb (AN M103 N - AN M101A2 T)
 (ii) 10
 (iii) NIL
 (iv) NIL

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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 141, US Army,
29 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

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

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : SECRET

Oprep A No. 390 for 24 hours ending sunset (25) March 1945.
Field Order No. 240, para. 3H, Mission J29-5, XIX Tactical Air Command.

A. : The 396th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 42 P47Ds (32-D/Bombers and 10-Escorts) on three squadron missions, 25 March 1945 to perform AIBR (toss bomb) missions and attack R/R Bridge at Sackenbach N-331582. 32 A/C each carried 1x1000# GP bomb. 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	0704	0923	8 A/C released 8x1000# GP bombs on Sackenbach R/R Bridge N-331582. Results (AIBR) were poor. 4 bombs failed to explode. One hit observed on east approach. Tracks were damaged and made impassable. Sqd. then strafed and damaged 6 M/Ts and four trailers. 4 A/C were escorts and top cover.	0755
2	396	16	1137	1426	12 A/C released 12x1000# GP bombs on Sackenbach R/R bridge at N-331582. Results (AIBR) were fair. Slight damage was observed to concrete toward center of bridge. Other hits were observed in town of Lohr N-3059-NRO. Couple of the bombs failed to explode. Sqd. then strafed and damaged 1 loco, 1 G/W, 1 M/T and 1 trailer. 4 A/C were escort and top cover.	1230

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A. : Field Order No. 240, para. 3J, Mission J29#7, XIX Tactical Air Command.

The 395th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 40 P47Ds (D/Bombers) on three squadron missions, 25 March 1945 to conduct armed recesses over Kitzengen, Schweinfurt, Wurzberg areas. 40 A/C each carried 2x260# M61 frag 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	14	0623	0941	2 A/C released 4-260# frag bombs on loco and 12 G/w's at N-0848. Results were poor - no damage. 4 A/C released 8-260# frag bombs on loco and 15 G/w's at S-2596. Results were good, 1 loco dest. 4 A/C released 8-260# frag bombs on loco and 10 G/w's at S-3899. Results poor - no claims made. 4 A/C released 2-260# frag bombs on 5 locos and 75 G/w's in M/Y at N-4507. Results were good. 30 G/w's damaged. Sqd. then strafed 10 locos and 92 G/w's, destroying 8 locos & 1 G/w and damaging 6 G/w's and 1 loco. Sqd. then strafed 10 M/A on ground at M/D at N-6420 claiming 1 FW 190 dest. and 1 FW 190 damaged.	0745
2	395	14	1129	1419	2 A/C aborted - 1 radio failure and 1 as escort. Bombs were jettisoned. 2 A/C released 4-260# frag bombs on M/Y at N-6513. Results poor - missed 14 G/w's. 4 A/C released 8-260# frag bombs on 1 loco and 15 G/w at S-3892. Results fair - 1 G/w dest., 5 damaged. 2 A/C released 4-260# frag bombs on 10 G/w's at N-5624. Results fair with 2 G/w damaged, 1 house dest. 1 A/C released 2-260# frag bombs on 15 G/w's at N-4653. Results very good - 4 G/w's dest. 1 A/C released 2-260# frag bombs on loco at N-4702. Results excellent - loco dest. Sqd. strafed 7 ME 262s on A/D at N-6320, with 1 dest. and 2 damaged. Sqd. strafed AA position, 2 locos, 36 G/w's and 1 M/A. Dest. 2 locos, 1 M/A and damaged 6 G/w's. 1 AA position dest. One pilot slightly wounded on mission.	1230
3	395	12	1553	1729	2 A/C aborted - 1 due to rough engine, 1640 1 A/C as escort. Both A/C returned their bombs to base. 8 A/C released 12-260# frag bombs at N-0115-NRD. 2 A/C released 4-260# frag bombs on 8 G/w's at N-2590. Results good - 4 G/w's dam. one bomb fell safe at L-9916.	

A. : 2 A/C damaged by flak. No enemy A/C encountered. The flak at N-6420 was moderate, accurate and light; at N-6320 - intense, accurate and light; at N-5300 - moderate, accurate and heavy. 25 enemy A/C which might be dummies were observed on A/D at N-2532. The weather was 8/10 at 10 and 15000 feet with some haze.

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Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
3	396	14	1527	1823	12 A/C released 12x1000# GP bombs on Sackebach R/R Bridge N-331582. Results were very good with break in concrete on north side of bridge. Track on east approach were cut. Bridge is unserviceable, but not down. AIBR equipment not used on this mission. Sqd. then strafed and dest. 3 M/Ts, 2 trailers and one loco and damaged 10 G/Ws. 2 A/C were escorts and top cover.	1600

- A. One A/C was damaged by flak. No abortive or E/A were encountered. The flak at N-4714 to N-6516 was heavy, moderate and fairly accurate; at N-0240 it was light, moderate and inaccurate. 100 R/R cars were observed in Lohr. The weather on the first mission was CAVU and 6/10 at 10000 feet on the last mission.

Field Order No. 240, para. 3I, Mission J29-6, XIX Tactical Air Command.

- A. The 397th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 45 P47 Ds (D/Bombers) on three squadron missions, 25 March 1945 to Conduct Armed Recces over Bad Kissengen Area. 46 A/C each carried 2x260# M81 frag bombs. Squadrons took off and landed at Y-34. The data on these operations is as follows:

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
1	397	16	0636	0952	Sqd. under control of Ripsaw #5. 4 A/C released 8-260# frag bombs on M/Y at Aschaffenburg M-9953. Results were good with large explosions and flames throughout entire area. 8 G/Ws were dest. and 5 G/Ws damaged. 4 A/C released 8-260# frag bombs on M/Y at M-9954. Results were good with large fire and explosions noted. Much results obscured by smoke which rose to 5000 feet. One loco and 7 G/Ws were dest. and 7 G/Ws damaged. 8 A/C released 16-260# frag bombs on M/Y at Seminden - M-4163. Results were good with 2 locos and 6 G/Ws damaged and tracks cut in one place. Sqd then strafed and dest. 4 locos and damaged one loco, 15 G/Ws, 4 M/Ts and one barge.	0700
2	397	16	1122	1442	Sqd. under control of Ripsaw #5. One A/C released 2-260# frag bombs at M-9832, destroying several bldgs.	1240

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Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
2	397	16			15 A/C released 29-260# frag bombs on column of vehicles at M-9645. Results were very good with 2 tanks, 2 horsedrawn vehicles and 5 M/Ts dest. and many vehicles damaged. Sqd. then strafed and dest. 46 horsedrawn wagons, 32 G/Ws, 45 M/Ts, 3 gas trucks, 6 armored trucks, 51 personnel, one large trailer truck, one flak position (2 guns), 4 half-tracks and 3 bldgs - all dest. One barge, 25 horsedrawn wagons, 19 M/Ts, 3 armored cars, 3 artillery guns and 2 halftracks were damaged.	
3	397	14	1547	1847	Sqd. under control of Ripsaw #5. 8 A/C released 16-260# frag bombs on 8 cylindrical tanks at N-6777. Results were good with 2 hits causing flame and much smoke. One hit was observed on R/R track in this area. 6 A/C released 12-260# frag bombs on Oberbach M/Y at N-7174. Results were good with a good concentration of bombs on target. 10 G/W and oil cars were dest. and 12 others damaged. Sqd. then strafed and dest. 29 M/Ts, and damaged 1 tank and 4 M/Ts. Radio installation and shack were also dest. Two personnel were strafed and dest.	1610
A.	:	4 A/C were damaged by flak - 2 and 2 by mid-air collision. No abortive or E/A were encountered. The flak at N-0140 was light, weak and fairly accurate; at N-0247 it was light, weak and inaccurate; at N-7479 it was light, moderate and accurate; at N-0234 it was intense, light and accurate. Red Cross vehicles were seen at N-9438. Many R/R cars were noted at Dieburg M-8045. The weather was generally haze. Visibility was poor.				
B.	:	(1) 128 P47Ds - (10 - Escorts) (118 - D/Bombers) (32 - D/B to perform AIBR missions and dive-bomb mission ant attack (10 - Escorts: R/R bridge at Sackenbach N-331582) (46 - D/B to conduct armed recess over Bad Kissengen) (40 - D/B to conduct armed recess over Kitzengen)				
		(11) 118 - (10 - Escorts completed missions) (108 - D/Bombers attacked targets and completed missions)				
		(111) 10 - D/Bombers - 8 (e) 1-Radio failure, 1-Rough engine, 6-bombs on AIBR mission did not explode. 2 (d) Escorts to abortive A/C.				
		(iv) NIL				
		(v) NIL				

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- B. : (vi) NIL
(vii) 7 - Damaged by flak, 5-Oct. A.
Damaged by mid-air accident, 1-Oct. A., 1-Oct. AG.
(viii) 128
- C. : (i) 16 - 150 gallon American external belly tanks.
(ii) 4
(i) 80 - 75 gallon American external belly tanks.
(ii) 23
- D. : (i) 365.45
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 327120 rounds 50 cal.
(ii) 56771
(iii) NIL
- F. : (i) 72 x 260# M81 Frag bombs (M103 nose)
32 x 1000# GP bombs (M103 nose, M101A2 tail)
(ii) 162 - 260# M81 Frag bombs
26 - 1000# GP bombs
(iii) 5 - 260# Frag bombs
(iv) NIL
5-260# frag bombs returned to base.
6-1000# GP bombs did not explode.
- G. : 1 - Pilot LWA - 1st Lt William J Wayland, Jr. slightly wounded
by flak fragments while strafing enemy A/C on A/D
at W-6320. Pilot did not rerequire hospitalization.
- H. : On Ground 2-0-3
(i) 1 - FW 190 - 2nd Lt Glen M Bergman, 395th Fighter Squadron.
1 - ME 262 - 1st Lt William J Wayland, Jr. 395th Fighter Sqd.
(ii) NIL
(iii) 1 - FW 190 - 2nd Lt Glen M Bergman, 395th Fighter Squadron.
2 - ME 262 - 1st Lt William J Wayland and
2nd Lt Robert J Hellwig, 395th Fighter Squadron.
- I. : 1. 89-0-39
2. 12-0-6
3. 18-0-5
4. 67-0-171
5. 0-0-1
6. 2-0-3
9. 7-0-0
11. 2-0-2
12. 0-0-2
13. 48-0-25
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17. German Personnel 51-0-0

For the Commanding Officer:

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

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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 141, US Army,
30 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

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

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : S E C R E T

Oprep A No. 391 for 24 hours ending sunset 26 March 1945.
Field Order No. 241, para. 3G, Mission J29-2, XIX Tactical Air Command.

A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 86 P47Ds (D/Bombers) on six squadron missions, 26 March 1945 to conduct armed recess by squadrons against rail and road targets in areas of (1) Koblenz, Limburg and Weisbaden (2) Limburg - Giessen (3) Giessen, Marburg, Lauterbach and Friedburg. 86 A/C each carries 2x260# M81 Frag 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	14	0740	0910	14 A/C jettisoned 28-260# frag bombs safe at U-8353 after being told to return due to bad weather over enemy territory.	
2	397	16	0750	0919	16 A/C jettisoned 32-260# frag bombs safe at U-8353 due to bad weather over target area.	
3	395	12	0759	0844	Sqd. flew far as Saar River and were recalled by 396th Fighter Bgd. due to bad weather. 12 A/C jettisoned 24-260# frag bombs safe at U-8353.	
4	397	16	1346	1603	Sqd. under control of Rip saw #2. 8 A/C released 15-260# frag bombs on Weilburg M/Y G-3810. Results were good with 5 G/Ws dest. and 10 damaged and tracks cut. 4 A/C released 8-260# frag bombs on M/Y at G-4015. Results were good with switch house and one bldg. dest. 5 G/Ws dest. and tracks cut. 5 A/C released 9-260# frag bombs on a active oil refinery at M-7797.	1425



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Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
4	397	16			Results were fair with all bombs on north side of target with some tracks and G/Ws hit. Sqd. then strafed entire factory installation, claiming 2 locos dest., 3 large oil tanks dest. 2 water tanks damaged and boiler house damaged.	
5	396	16	1321	1626	Two A/C aborted - one due to high cylinder head temperature and one as its escort. Both A/C jettisoned 4-260# frag bombs at U-8353. 4A/C released 8-260# frag bombs on town of Kamberg M-3790. Results were fair with one fire started. 6 A/C released 12-260# frag bombs on 20 G/Ws at M-3788. Results were fair - 2 direct hits, 13 G/Ws claimed dest. 2 A/C released 4-260# frag bombs on 2 locos and 8 G/Ws at H-1637. Results were fair. 2 A/C released 4-260# frag bombs on 10-12 G/Ws at H-1937 - NRO. Two locos were strafed and dest. and 8 G/Ws damaged.	1355
6	395	12	1424	1650	1 A/C released 2-260# frag bombs on 1520 M/T (dest.) at G-0503. 6 A/C released 12-260# frag bombs on tanks and M/Ts at G-1903, claiming 1 tank and 3 M/Ts dest. One A/C released 2-260# frag bombs at G-2104, destroying 1 bldg. One A/C released 2-260# frag bombs at G-2311 on M/Ts. Bombs missed. One A/C released 2-260# frag bombs at G-3310, claiming 1 van dest. 2 A/C released 4-260# frag bombs at G-3710, claiming one factory bldg. dest. Results in general were very good. Sqd. then strafed and dest. 5 M/Ts and 1 horsedrawn vehicle.	

- A. : Two A/C were damaged - one by flak and one from debris caused by strafing. No E/A were encountered on any of the missions. The flak at G-5418 was light, weak and inaccurate; at M-3371 it was heavy, weak and accurate; at H-1937 it was intense, light and fairly accurate. Large oil fire was observed at G-7102. 10-12 hospital cars were noted at M-3690. The weather on the morning missions was 10/10 at 3500 to 7500 feet, with some rain. Later in the afternoon the weather slowly cleared up.
- B. :
- (i) 86 P47Ds - D/Bombers - Conduct armed recess against rail and road targets over designated area.
 - (ii) 42 - D/Bombers - Attacked targets - Completed missions.
 - (iii) 44 - 42-(a) A/C aborted due to bad weather over target area.
 - 1-(e) Mechanical failure - High cylinder-head temperature.
 - 1-(d) Escort to abortive A/C.
 - (iv) NIL
 - (v) NIL
 - (vi) NIL
 - (vii) 2 - 1-Damaged by flak, Cat. A.
 - 1-Damaged by debris caused by strafing, Cat. A.
 - (viii) 86

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G. : (i) 12 - 150 gallon American external belly tanks.
(ii) 1
(i) 74 - 75 gallon American external belly tanks.
(ii) 15

D. : (i) 178,45
(ii) NIL

E. : (i) 219040 rounds 50 cal.
(ii) 11395
(iii) NIL

F. : (i) 172 - 260# M81 Frag bombs (M103-N)
(ii) 84
(iii) 88 - (84 - due to bad weather)
(4 - by abortive A/C.)
(iv) NIL

G. : NIL

H. : NIL

I. : 1. 10-0-0
2. 1-0-0
3. 4-0-0
7. 1-0-0
9. 4-0-2
11. 2-0-0
13. 1-0-0
14. 2

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,
30 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

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

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : SECRET

Oprep A No. 392 for 24 hours ending sunset 27 March 1945.
Field Order No. 242, para. 3B, Mission J29-3, XIX Tactical Air Command.

A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 28 P47Ds (D/Bombers) on two squadron missions, 27 March 1945 to conduct armed recce by squadrons against road movement in following areas: (1) Giessen, Alsfeld, Fulda and Hanau, (2) Fulda, Bad Kissengen, Hanau, and Aschaffenburg Areas. A thorough coverage to be made of all roads in these areas. 28 A/C each carried 2x260# M81 frag 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	1409	1656	Sqd. conducted recce in area of Giessen. 2 A/C aborted, one due to prop failure (A/C jettisoned its bombs on enemy territory) and one A/C as its escort (jettisoned its bombs safe at U-8353). A/C with bad prop belly landed at Y-52, Trier. 4 A/C released 8-260# frag bombs in wooded area at M-6595 - N R O. 6 A/C released 12-260# frag bombs on 30 small vehicles at M-6584. 20 M/Ts were dest. and 10 damaged. Sqd. then strafed and dest. 15 M/Ts and one horsedrawn vehicle.	1535



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Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
2	396	16	1501	1818	2 A/C released 4-260# frag bombs on town of Steman N-2392-NRO. 14 A/C released 28-260# frag bombs on Jassa M/Y at N-3383. Results were excellent. One loco and 30 G/As dest. Sqd. strafed and dest. 1 tank, 2 M/Ts and damaged 5 M/Ts, 3 flak cars and 12 RR passenger cars. Also strafed town of Steman containing 20 to 30 M/Ts. Started some fires and damaged 10 M/Ts.	1541

- A. : Two A/C were damaged - one by bomb blast, one belly landed at Y-57. No E/A were encountered on any of the missions. Scattered M/T traffic was observed in vicinity of M-4500. White markings were observed on buildings in area south of Fulda M-3819. The flak at N-2292 and N-2392 was light, moderate and inaccurate. The weather on the first mission was 5/10 cloud layers from 2000 to 20000 feet with some rain and haze. Visibility was 15 miles. On the second mission it was 10/10 with base at 4-6000 feet. Visibility was fair.

Field Order No. 242, para. 3F, Mission WRA-2, XIX Tactical Air Command.

- A. : 16 P47Ds (D/Bombers) of the 397th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from Y-34 at 1300, 27 March 1945 to cooperate with Units of VIII Corps or conduct armed recon in area of Bingen, Weisbaden, Limburg and Bad Homburg. 16 A/C each carried 2x260# M81 frag bombs. Squadron of 16 A/C proceeded on mission as briefed, arriving over enemy territory at 1350. Squadron under control of Ripew #2. At 1400, 16 A/C released 32-260# frag bombs on cluster of buildings at Wolfersheim G-7700. Results were excellent with some buildings and an oil refinery or factory damaged. Squadron then strafed targets at Langerhain M-6596, claiming 87 M/Ts dest. one locomotive destroyed, 75 enemy troops killed, one AA gun destroyed, one horsedrawn vehicle destroyed and strafed and damaged 15 G/As, one locomotive, 10 M/Ts and two barracks. Two camouflaged installations were strafed at M-6496 - NRO. Squadron of 16 A/C left enemy territory at 1505, landing at Y-34 at 1550. No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. The flak at M-6397 was light, moderate and inaccurate; at M-6499 it was light, weak and inaccurate. One Red Cross vehicle mixed in with other M/T exploded violently when strafed. The weather was thunderheads encountered at 1500 to 12000 feet. Visibility was poor.
- B. : (1) 44 P47Ds (D/Bombers - 28-Conduct armed recon against road movements in designated areas)
16-To cooperate with Units of VIII Corps - Armed recon over designated areas)

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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP*EJL* G2
APO 141, US Army,
31 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

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

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : S E C R E T

Oprep A No. 393 for 24 hours ending sunset 28 March 1945.
Field Order No. 243, para. 3F, Mission JEAB-1, XIX Tactical
Air Command.A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 46 P47Ds on
three squadron missions, 28 March 1945 to escort IX Bomb Division
attacking target at O-001420. 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	14	0901	1115	4 A/C aborted shortly after takeoff. One because of cylinder-head temperature gauge failed, one A/C encountered belly tank failure and 2 A/C as escorts to abortive A/C. Sqd. of 10 A/C R/V at 17000 feet with 14 A26s at O-0042 and escorted them over target area and out, leaving the bombers at 1050 at L-8032. A26s bombed thru clouds from 17500 feet. Mission was uneventful.	0940
2	396	16	0956	1154	2 A/C aborted, one due to belly tank failure and one as its escort. Sqd. of 14 A/C failed to R/V with bombers because bombers had already set course. Sqd. continued on to target area where they met BA26s and escorted them from target area to friendly territory, leaving them at Diekhirshen M-0619. Rest of mission was uneventful.	

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Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time C/T
3	397	16	0950	1202	Sqd. was unable to make contact with 1035 bombers at target area, sqd. met and escorted 2 A-26s back from target area and also escorted others, who were picked up on way back, leaving the bombers at 1-8032 at 1140. Rest of mission was uneventful.	

- A. : No damaged or E/A were encountered on any of these missions. The weather was 6 - 10/10 in layers, at 3 to 20000 feet with some haze.
- B. : (i) 46 P47Ds - To escort IX Bomb Division attacking target at O-001420.
(ii) 40
(iii) 6 - 3 (c) 1-Cylinder-head temperature gauge failure, 2-Belly tank failures.
3 (d) Escorts to abortive A/C.
(iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) NIL
(vii) NIL
(viii) 46
- C. : (i) 46 - 75 gallon American external belly tanks.
(ii) NIL
- D. : (i) 99:45
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 117920 rounds 50 ea.
(ii) NIL
(iii) NIL
- F. : NIL
- G. : NIL
- H. : NIL
- I. : NIL

Field Order No. 243, Annex No. 1, para. 3I, Mission J29-7,
XIX Tactical Air Command.

- A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 48 P47Ds on three squadron missions, 28 March 1945 to conduct armed reccees over following areas: (1) Kassel, Wabern, Treysa, Giessen (2) Homburg, Hersfeld, Alsfeld, Giessen (3) Kassel, Kersfeld and Fulda. The primary target being M/Ts on highways. Squadrons took off and landed at Y-34. The data on these operations is as follows:

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Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
1	395	16	1506	1802	4 A/C aborted - one due to rough engine, one due to tank failure and 2 as escorts to abortive A/C. Sqd. made recce in area of Kassel. 12 A/C strafed and dest. 64 M/Ts and 25 personnel and damaged 9 M/Ts in area of G-8523 to H-2050. One of our A/C was last seen between G-8523 and H-2050 during strafing passes. No other information is available. This A/C failed to return to base.	1630
2	396	16	1526	1835	Sqd. made recce in area of Homburg. 1606 In area between G-8527 - H-2840, sqd. strafed and dest. one loco, one M/T, 3 staff cars, 10 assorted vehicles and damaged 15 assorted vehicles; at G-8827, sqd. strafed and dest. 6 M/Ts, 2 bldgs. and damaged 9 M/Ts; at G-8626, sqd. strafed and dest. 8 assorted vehicles, one cycle and damaged 5 vehicles and one trailer and one M/T; at H-2039, sqd. strafed and dest. one horsedrawn vehicle, one M/T and one trailer.	1606
3	397	16	1540	1844	Sqd. made recce in area of Fulda. 1635 Sqd. strafed and dest. 101 M/Ts, 4 horsedrawn vehicles, one radio M/T, 4 staff cars, two halftrucks, 1 A/V, one bus, 2 bldgs., one 80mm gun and damaged 12 M/Ts in area of Gilsberg G-9362. One A/C failed to return from strafing attacks and was seen to hit a hill at G-955655 at 1720.	1635

A. : No E/A were encountered on these missions. At least 500 assorted M/Ts were seen going east at H-2050. The flak at G-8622 (flak cars) was moderate, inaccurate and light; at G-9221 (flak cars) it was intense, fairly accurate and light. The weather was generally 6/10 from 3000 to 6000 feet with some haze.

B. :

- (i) 48 P47Ds - To conduct A/R in areas of Kassel, Homburg and Fulda)
- (ii) 44 - Attacked targets
 - (2 A/C are MIA after having made strafing attacks)
- (iii) 4 - 2(c) 1-Rough engine, 1-Belly tank failure.
 - 2(d) Escorts to abortive A/C.
- (iv) NIL
- (v) NIL
- (vi) 2 - 1 A/C (29126) was last seen during strafing passes in area of G-8523 and H-2050.
 - 1 A/C (33205) was seen to hit a hill during a strafing pass at G-955655. It is believed that the pilot miscalculated because of bad visibility and rough terrain.

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B. : (vii) NIL
(viii) 48

C. : (i) 9 - 150 gallon American external belly tanks.
(ii) 6
(i) 39 - 75 gallon American external belly tanks.
(ii) 11

D. : (i) 149:30
(ii) NIL

E. : (i) 123520 rounds 50 cal.
(ii) 46618
(iii) 4920

F. : NIL

G. : 2 - Pilots MIA - 2nd Lt Thomas F. Layden, O-834257, did not return to base. His A/C was last seen during strafing passes in area of O-8523 and H-2050 and was not seen after this. The cause is unknown.
Ret'd 1st Lt George L. Bower, O-704660. His A/C was seen to hit a hill during strafing pass at G-955655. Pilot was not seen to leave A/C. It is believed that poor visibility and rough terrain caused the pilot to miscalculate his pass.

H. : NIL

I. : 1. 202-0-52
2. 9-0-0
3. 1-0-0
6. 1-0-0
9. 4-0-0
13. 5-0-0
17. German Personnel 25-0-0.

For the Commanding Officer:

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

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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

AGC 141, US Army,
31 March 1945. ^{G2}

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

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

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : Oprep A No. 394 for 24 hours ending sunset 29 March 1945.
Field Order No. 244, para. 3I, Mission JEAB-2, XIX Tactical
Air Command.

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

For the Commanding Officer.

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

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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 141, US Army,
31 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

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

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : S E C R E T

Oprep A No. 395 for 24 hours ending sunset 30 March 1945.
Field Order No. 245, Annex No. 1, para. 3J, Mission JEAB-1,
XIX Tactical Air Command.

A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 48 P47Ds on three squadron missions, of 16 A/C each, 30 March 1945 to provide close escort for three groups of medium bombers attacking target at N-70740. Squadrons took off and landed at Y-34. The data on these operations is as follows:

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
1	395	16	1352	1559	2 A/C aborted shortly after take-off 1430 one due to belly tank failure and one due to escort to abortive A/C. 14 A/C R/V at 12000 with 36 B26s and B26s at 1430 at Laachen Lake F-6701. Due to bad weather, medium bombers were temporarily lost in overcast at M-8595. Controller informed sqd. that bombers had turned back and at this point, the sqd. found the bombers and escorted them back to Bad Kreugnach M-0938. Bombers were left at 1505. Rest of mission was uneventful.	
2	396	16	1413	1639	Sqd. R/V at 14000 feet with two boxes 1445 of B26s of 12 A/C per box, at 1445 over Laachen Lake F-6701. Due to the bad weather, sqd. temporarily lost the B26s in the overcast at G-9525. Sqd. again picked the bombers up in vicinity of Darmstadt M-6840 and escorted them out to L-9030. Mission was uneventful.	

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Mission No.	Sqd.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
3	397	16	1431	1708	Sqd. R/V at 13000 feet with two boxes of B26s of 18 A/C each, at 1510, 5 miles south of F-6701 and escorted them. Bombers were observed to bomb thru overcast from 15000 feet. Sqd. then escorted bombers out from target area and left them at 1630 at L-8030. Mission was uneventful.	1640

- A. : No damaged, or E/A were encountered on any of these missions. Some ground explosions were observed south of Aschaffenburg N-0254 and in vicinity of M-9040. The weather on the first and second mission was 5/10 at 3500 to 4500 feet and solid from 6500 to 18000 feet. On the last mission it was 10/10 to 15000 feet, with some haze.
- B. : (i) 48 P47Ds - To provide close escort for three groups of medium bombers attacking target at N-707740.
(ii) 46 - Escorted bombers - Completed missions.
(iii) 2 - (c) 1-Defective belly tank,
(d) 1-Escort to abortive A/C.
(iv) NIL
(v) NIL
(vi) NIL
(vii) NIL
(viii) 48
- C. : (i) 48 - 75 gallon American external belly tanks.
(ii) NIL
- D. : (i) 126:15
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 123520 rounds 50 cal.
(ii) NIL
(iii) NIL
- F. : NIL
- G. : NIL
- H. : NIL
- I. : NIL

For the Commanding Officer:

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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 141, US Army,
3 April 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. 396 for 24 hours ending sunset 31 March 1945.
Field Order No. 246, Annex No. 1, para. 3B, Mission J29-4,
XIX Tactical Air Command.

A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 48 P47Ds (36 B/Bombers and 12-Escorts) on three squadron missions, 31 March 1945 to conduct armed recce in following areas; (1) Kassel, Eebra, Fulda Neustadt (2) Eisenach, Trefenort, Bomberg (3) Fulda, Bad Kissingen, Schweinfurt, Wurzberg and Nuranburg. Two A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs and 34 A/C each carried 2x260# M81 frag bombs. Squadrons took off and landed at Y-34. The data on these operations is as follows:

Mission No.	Sqd.	A/G Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
1	395	16	0706	1001	Sqd. flew armed recce in (2) Eisenach Bomberg area. 4 A/C released 8-260# frag bombs on 3 loces and 60 G/Ws in M/Y at Gotha J-0964. Results were excellent with 3 loces and 50 G/Ws dest. Sqd. also strafed M/Y. Some fires were started. 6 A/C released 8-260# frag bombs and 4-500# GP bombs on 6 loces and 40 G/Ws in M/Y at Eisenach H-8168. Results were excellent with 3 loces dest. and 1 locce damaged., 3 G/Ws dest. 8 G/Ws damaged and tracks cut in three places. Sqd. also strafed this M/Y - HRO. Sqd. strafed and dest. 2 loces. 6 A/C were escort and top cover.	0810



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