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HEADQUARTERS  
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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AGO 595, US Army,  
4 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Cyprep A Report. USAF Form 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit.  
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical Control Section.  
Commanding Officer, 8th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

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Cyprep A No 185 for 24 hours ending sunset 1 September 1944.  
Operations Order No. 166, Para 3, Mission 121-2, IX Tactical Air Command.

A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 89 P47Ds on seven missions for 1 September 1944. These missions provided Armored Column Support for the 3rd Armored Division and performed armed reconnaissance in area from La Capelle (O-2660) to Mubuge (O-2273) to Givet (O-2275), to Luxembourg, to Naumay (P-1800), along the bombline to La Capelle (O-2660). The missions took off and landed at A-40. The data on these operations is as follows:

Mission No.	P47Ds Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time of Day
1	12	0707	0931	Bombed and strafed 2 tanks - O-1284 (destroyed). Strafing 5 M/Ts, 2 armored vehicles at O-2864 (destroyed), also one tank O-1284 (probably destroyed).	0805
2	12	0909	1138	No targets or enemy activity noted & bombs were returned to base.	1000
3	12	1104	1322	Bombed barrack area - O-2258. Strafing 15 horse-drawn wagons in same area. Strafing and destroyed 7 trucks, 3 staff cars at O-1766.	1140
4	12	1308	1531	5 M/Ts were bombed and destroyed at O-2559. Strafing and destroyed 31 M/Ts, 1 tank, 1 armored car & 1 staff car at O-2650 to O-2273. Also damaged 3 M/Ts & 1 tank in same area.	1400

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Mission No.	147th Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time
5	11	1605	1740	5 leaflet bombs dropped : 3 at St Quentin, 1 at Roye, 1 at NW of Roye & 2 between Villers & Roye & 1 west of Peronne. Bombed 1 tank at O-20533 & 6 M/Ts at O-2159. Strafed 1 Anti-tank gun (destroyed) at O-205539, & one large van (possibly gun carrier) (damaged at O-2161.	1600 to 1645
6	12	1711	1909	Bombed 2 Tiger tanks at O-2058 (damaged). Damaged & destroyed M/Ts, tanks, staff cars, halftracks & anti-tank gun from O-2058 to O-2060 by strafing.	1815
7	12	1805	2104	Bombed 1 tank (damaged) & 6 M/Ts (destroyed) at O-2152. Strafed 18 M/Ts (destroyed) 10 and damaged 8 at O-1890	1925

The weather generally was 5 to 9/10 cumulus between 1000 and 6500 feet. Visibility was from fair to good. 4 A/C were damaged by flak. No ejectives or M/A were encountered. One A/C made a landing between Versailles and Paris when low on gas. A/C and pilot returned to base.

- B. :
- (1) 89 147th (52 - Escorts, 23 - B/Bombers, 3 - Carried leaflet bombs (Front Post Aug. 31). Armed Column Support for 3rd Armored Division. Armed Reconnaissance over designated areas.
  - (11) 89 (52 - Escorts, 23 - B/Bombers - 3 - Carried Leaflet Bombs, (Frontpost Aug. 31)
    - (10 - Escorts and 2 - B/Bombers - 2 tanks at O-128A)
    - (10 - Escorts and 2 - B/Bombers - No targets or enemy activity noted. Bombs returned to base.)
    - (10 - Escort and 2 - B/Bombers - Barrack area at O-256)
    - (9 - Escorts and 3 - B/Bombers - 5 M/Ts at O-2553)
    - (3 - B/Bombers - 1 tank at O-205599 and 6 M/Ts at O-2159)
    - 3 - Carried leaflet bombs :

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- B. : (ii) (3 - St Quentin)  
(1 - Roye)  
(1 - NE of Roye)  
(2 - Between Villers and Roye)  
(1 - West of Peronne)
- (9 - Escorts and  
3 - B/Bombers - 2 Tiger tanks at 0-2058)  
(4 - Escorts and  
8 - B/Bombers - 1 tank and 6 M/Ts at 0-2162)
- (iii) NIL  
(iv) NIL  
(v) NIL  
(vi) NIL  
(vii) 4 - 2 - damaged by flak, Cat. A.  
1 - damaged by small arm, Cat. A.  
1 - damaged by flak, Cat. AC.
- (viii) 83
- C. : NIL
- D. : (i) 208:00  
(ii) 4:00
- E. : (i) 149400 rounds 50 cal.  
(ii) 41017  
(iii) NIL
- F. : (i) 23 - 500# GP bombs (AN M103 nose, AN M101A2 tail)  
8 - Leaflet bombs  
(ii) 20 - 500# GP bombs  
1 (2 - 2 tanks at 0-1244)  
(2 - Barrack area at 0-2258)  
(2 - 1 tank at 0-205533  
6 M/Ts at 0-2159)  
(3 - 2 Tiger tanks at 0-2058)  
(3 - 5 M/Ts 0-205533)  
(8 - 1 tank and 6 M/Ts at 0-2162)
- 8 - Leaflet Bombs:  
(3 - St Quentin)  
(1 - Roye)  
(1 - NE of Roye)  
(2 - Between Villers and Roye)  
(1 - West of Peronne)
- (iii) 1 - 500 # GP bomb  
(iv) NIL  
2 - 500# GP bombs returned to base.

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G. : NIL

Remark:

1st Lt. Marvin J. Rosvold, O-680083 reported on Oprep A No. 170, 17 August 1944, returning from bailing out of his A/C as uninjured, should read slightly injured and securing first air treatment.

H. : NIL

Other Claims:

M/Ts	75-0-11
Tanks	4-1-5
Halftrucks	1-0-0
Staff Cars	5-0-1
Armored Vehicles	3-0-0
Horse-drawn Wagons	2-0-0
Anti-tank Gun	1-0-0
Self propelled anti-tank Gun	1-0-0.

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*1 Special*

Operations Order No. 166, Para. 9, IX Tactical Air Command.

A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched 6 P-47Ds on a leaflet dropping mission (2 - P-47Ds from 395th Fighter Squadron as escorts to 4 P-47Ds of the 397th Fighter Squadron carrying 9 leaflet bombs). The flight of 6 A/C took off from A-40 at 1518, 1 September 1944 and proceeded on mission as briefed. Arriving over target area at 1600, 4 A/C released 9 leaflet bombs: 3 at St Mihiel and 6 at Dijon. Flight of 6 A/C then left the target area at 1630, landing at A-40 at 1744. No damaged, abortive or R/A were encountered. The flak at Dijon was light, weak and accurate. The weather was 10/10 cumulus with 3 layers of clouds up to 18000 feet.

- B. : (1) 6 P-47Ds (2 - Escorts and  
4 - Carrying leaflet bombs)  
(ii) 6 (1 A/C dropped leaflet bombs on St Mihiel)  
(3 A/C dropped leaflet bombs at Dijon)  
(2 A/C Escorts to A/C carrying leaflet bombs)  
(iii) NIL  
(iv) NIL  
(v) NIL  
(vi) NIL  
(vii) NIL  
(viii) 6  
C. : NIL

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- D. : (i) 15:30  
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 10800 rounds 50 cal.  
(ii) NIL  
(iii) NIL
- F. : (i) 9 - Leaflet Bombs (Front Post, August 31, 1944)  
(ii) 9 - 3 - St Mihuel  
6 - Dijon  
(iii) NIL  
(iv) NIL
- G. : NIL
- H. : NIL

For the Commanding Officer:

*Maurice D Powell*  
MAURICE D POWELL  
1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Ass't. Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS  
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 595, US Army,  
3 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprop A Report. WMAF Form 24A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit.  
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical Control Section.  
Commanding Officer, 8th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

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Oprop A No. 106 for 24 hours ending sunset 2 September 1944.  
Operations Order No. Y21-2.

A. : 12 B7Ds of the 397th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from A-40 at 1134, 2 September 1944 to attack 200 plus horse-drawn vehicles at N-3740. 3 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bomb and 9 A/C as escort and top cover. Squadron of 12 A/C proceeded on mission as briefed, arriving over target area, at N-3740 at 1215. 3 A/C released 3x500# GP bombs on a AA Gun, south of San Quentin, N-7945. Squadron also strafed ground targets in area. Squadron of 12 A/C then left target area, landing at A-40 at 1357. Bombing results were good with the AA Gun south of San Quentin, N-7945 destroyed. Three staff cars and 29 plus horse-drawn vehicles were also destroyed at N-3740. One A/C was damaged by flak. No abortive or R/A were encountered. The weather was solid over target area and clear at San Quentin.

B. : (i) 12 B7Ds (9 - Escorts and 3 - B/Bombers - 200 plus horse-drawn vehicles at N-3740 and AA Gun at N-7945)  
(ii) 12 (9 - Escorts and 3 - B/Bombers Completed Mission)  
(iii) NIL  
(iv) NIL  
(v) NIL  
(vi) NIL  
(vii) 1 - Damaged by flak, Cat. A.  
(viii) 12

C. : NIL

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- D. : (i) 31:15  
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 21600 rounds 50 Cal. API.  
(ii) 6508  
(iii) NIL
- F. : (i) 3 - 500# GP bombs (AN M103 nose, AN M101A2 tail)  
(ii) 3 - A.A. Gun south of San Quentin, N-7945.  
(iii) NIL  
(iv) NIL
- G. : NIL
- H. : NIL

Other Claims:

Horse-drawn Vehicles 23-0-0  
 Staff Cars 3-0-0  
 AA Gun 1-0-0

For the Commanding Officer:

*Manfred D. Powell*  
 MANFRED D. POWELL  
 1st Lt., Air Corps,  
 Ass't. Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS  
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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AGO 595, US Army,  
5 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report, USAAF Form 34.  
TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit.  
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical Control Section.  
Commanding Officer, 84th Fighter Wing, Attention A-3 Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

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Oprep A No. 187 for 24 hours ending sunset 3 September 1944.  
Operations Order No. 168, Plan "A", Par 3, Mission Y21-2,  
IX Tactical Air Command.

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A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched 83 M/Ts, 3 September 1944. Seven missions were executed, the purpose of which were to provide armored column support for the 3rd Armored Division and to conduct an armed reconnaissance in area ahead of armored column in the 7th Corps Area. Squadron took off and landed at A-40. The data on these operations is as follows:

Mission No.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time of Day
1	12	0752	1022	Bombed and strafed 60 to 70 M/Ts (destroyed) in vicinity of 0-2096. Strafing 30 to 40 horse-drawn wagons & horses in same vicinity.	0840
2	12	0947	1224	Bombed 2-3 tanks at J-2504, 25 vehicles & horses at J-2607. Strafing 20 vehicles (destroyed) including horse-drawn artillery & M/Ts at J-2504.	1130
3	12	1138	1420	Bombed & strafed 15 vehicles & 25 personnel (destroyed) - J-3003. Strafing 1245 5 M/Ts & 15 personnel (destroyed) at J-3101, also 5 M/Ts (destroyed) & 85 personnel - J-3505, 2 M/Ts & 2 personnel at 0-3493.	

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Mission No.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
4	12	1315	1623	Strafed 15 M/Ts & 3 jeeps (destroyed) at J-675205, also 50 horse-drawn vehicles (destroyed) - J-5224, 60 German soldiers killed at N-26012.	1405
5	12	1503	1757	Strafed 1 tank (damaged) at J-3515. Also 10 M/Ts at J-2106 (dest.) & 10 M/Ts (dest.) at J-2301, 10 horse-drawn vehicles (dest.) at J-2301, 100 horse-drawn vehicles (dest.) at J-2502.	1556
6	11	1704	2012	Bombed Convoy of M/Ts & tanks - J-3432 and strafed 8 M/Ts (dest.) on road at J-3228 - 3432 & 2 tanks (dam.) in same area.	1905
7	12	1802	2050	Bombed M/Ts & vehicles at Nivelles - J-6027 - NRO. Strafed 35 horse-drawn vehicles (dest.) & 14 M/Ts (dest.) in vicinity of J-6027.	1900

The weather was generally 3/10 to 8/10 from 3 to 6000 feet. No E/A were encountered. Each dive bomber carried 1x500# GP bomb.

- B. :
- (i) 83 P47Ds (69 - Area support and 14 - D/Bombers - area support - Armored Column Support for the 3rd Armored Division, also armed reconnaissance ahead of armored column).
  - (ii) 77 (14 - D/Bombers - Area Support & 63 Area Support).
  - (iii) 6 - Area Support
    - (b) 1 - Pilot error - incorrect switching to gas tank.
    - (c) 1 - Gasoline pump fitting loose, causing suction of air.
      - 1 - Rough engine - spark plugs failed.
      - 1 - Supercharger regulation failed.
    - (d) 2 - Escorts to abortive A/C.
  - (iv) NIL
  - (v) NIL
  - (vi) NIL
  - (vii) 13 - 9 - Damaged by flak & small arms, Cat. A.  
4 - Damaged by flak, Cat. AC.
  - (viii) 81
- C. :
- (i) 83 - 150 gal. American external belly tanks.
  - (ii) 19
- D. :
- (i) 220:15
  - (ii) NIL

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E. : (i) 1476 rounds 50 cal.  
(ii) 79194  
(iii) NIL

F. : (i) 14 - 500# GP bombs (AN M103 nose, AN M101A2 tail)  
(ii) 11 - (3 - 60 to 70 M/Ts in Vicinity of O-2096)  
(9 - 25 Vehicles at J-2607, 2-3 tanks at J-2504)  
(2 - 15 M/Ts & 25 personnel at J-3003)  
(2 - Convoy of M/Ts and tanks at J-3432)  
(1 - M/T & Vehicles at Nivelles at J-6027)  
(iii) 1  
(iv) NIL  
1 - 500# GP bomb fell off during flight?  
1 - 500# GP bomb was a dud.?

G. : NIL

H. : NIL

Other Claims:

M/Ts 262-0-30  
Tanks 0-0-3  
Horse-drawn vehicles 230-0-0  
German Personnel 187-0-0

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For the Commanding Officer:

*Maurice D Powell*  
MAURICE D POWELL  
1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Ass't. Adjutant.

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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 525, US Army,  
7 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Sprep A Report, USAF Form 31A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical  
Control Unit.  
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical  
Control Section.  
Commanding Officer, 34th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical  
Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

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Sprep A No. 188 For 24 hours ending sunset 4 September 1944.  
Operations Order No. 169, Par. 4, Mission 721-2, IX Tactical Air Command.

A. 11 P47Ds of the 397th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from A-40, at 0707, 4 September 1944 on an armed reconnaissance over the Brussels, Antwerp - Hasselt area. 2 P47Ds of the 11 A/C each carried 1x500# GP bomb (instant nose, 1/40 tail fusing). Arriving over target area, W/Y at Lovain at 0800, 2 A/C released 2x500# GP bombs in the eastern part of Yards. Squadron also strafed ground targets (see section B). Squadron then left target area, landing at A-40 at 1021. One A/C landed near Paris for refueling, then landed at A-40 at 1052. Bombing results were good, with hits on eastern section of W/Y at Lovain. Two locomotives were destroyed. Squadron also strafed and destroyed 76 horse-drawn PA guns and 10 M/Ts. Also strafed and destroyed on the ground, one Dornier 217, and one Ju. 88 in airfield at J-7058. No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. The flak at J-6765 and J-2257 was light, intense and accurate. The weather was 9/10 cumulus at 8000 feet. Visibility was good.

- B. (i) 11 P47Ds (9 - Armed Reconnaissance and 2 - B/Bombers - Armed Recce. over Brussels, Antwerp - and Hasselt Area)
- (ii) 11 (9 - Armed Reconnaissance and 2 - B/Bombers - W/Y at Lovain)
- (iii) NIL
- (iv) NIL
- (v) NIL
- (vi) NIL
- (vii) NIL
- (viii) 11

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- C. : (i) 11 - 150 gal American external belly tanks.  
(ii) 3
- D. : (i) 38:45  
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 19800 rounds 50 cal.  
(ii) 8031  
(iii) NIL
- F. : (i) 2 - 500# GP bombs (AN M103 nose, AN M101A2 tail)  
(ii) 2 - M/Y at Lovain.  
(iii) NIL  
(iv) NIL
- G. : NIL
- H. : On The Ground 2-0-0  
(i) 1 - JU 88 - 2nd Lt Manuel K Soc, 397th Fighter Squadron.  
1 - DO 217 - Major Randall W. Hendricks, 397th Fighter Squadron.  
(ii) NIL  
(iii) NIL

Other Claims:

M/Ts	10-0-0
Horse-drawn FA Guns	70-0-0
Locomotives	2-0-0

For the Commanding Officer:

*Maurice D Powell*  
 MAURICE D POWELL  
 1st Lt., Air Corps.  
 Ass't. Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS  
360TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 595, US Army,  
7 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprop A Report, USAAF Form 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit.  
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical Control Section.  
Commanding Officer, 84th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical Control Section.

FROM : 360th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : S E C R E T

Oprop A No. 109 for 24 hours ending sunset 5 September 1944.  
Operations Order No. 170, Amendment No. 2, Par 1, Mission X51-9, IX Tactical Air Command.

A. : The 360th Fighter Group dispatched 24 F47Ds (12 A/C from 395th Fighter Squadron and 12 A/C from 396th Fighter Squadron) 5 September 1944 to support the 8th Infantry Division and dive bomb 4 light AA guns at Tg. # 6 - Q-944017 and 3 AA Positions at Tg. # 8 - Q-950021. 24 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs. Squadrons took off and landed at A-40. The first squadron of 12 A/C took off at 1058 and landing at 1204. The 2nd squadron of 12 A/C took off at 1130, landing at 1228. Due to very bad weather, all 24 A/C were recalled back to their base by the squadron leaders. One squadron jettisoned their bombs safe (unarmed in a forest NW of Alencon. The other squadron returned all bombs back to base. No damaged or E/A were encountered. The weather was 10/10 overcast down to deck, 30 minutes out from the base.

B. : (i) 24 F47Ds (D/Bombers - Support to the 8th Infantry Division - D/Bomb Brest #8 - Q-950021 (3 AA Positions) and 4 light AA Guns at #6 - Q-944017)

(ii) NIL

(iii) 24 - (a) Due to bad weather, all A/C were recalled by their squadron leader.

(iv) NIL

(v) NIL

(vi) NIL

(vii) NIL

(viii) NIL

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- D. : (1) 28,30  
(ii) NIL
- E. : (1) 43200 rounds 50 cal.  
(ii) NIL  
(iii) NIL
- F. : (1) 48 - 5000 GP bombs (AN M109 nose, AN M101A2 tail)  
(ii) NIL  
(iii) 24 - NW of Alencon  
(iv) NIL  
24x5000 GP bombs returned to base.
- G. : NIL
- H. : NIL

For the Commanding Officer:

*Maurice D. Fowell*  
 MAURICE D FOWELL  
 1st Lt., Air Corps.  
 Ass't. Adjutant.

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HEAD QUARTERS  
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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AFG 595, US Army,  
9 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Crew's Report, USAF Form 34 A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention  
Statistical Control Section.  
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, Attention  
Statistical Control Section.  
Commanding Officer, 84th Fighter Wing, Attention  
Statistical Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer

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Crew A No. 190 for 24 hours ending sunset 5 September 1944.  
Field Order No. 37, Par. 3F, Mission 451-2, IX Tactical  
Air Command.

A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched three squadrons composed of a total 36 P47Ds (24 - B/Bombers & 12 - Escort and top cover) 6 September 1944 on an armed reconnaissance mission over Saarbrücken, Kaiserslautern, Trier, Arlon and Luxembourg areas. 24 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs (instant nose, and 1.40 tail fusing). 16 P47Ds took off from A-40 at 0757 and proceeded on mission as briefed. Arriving over target area at 0900, 12 A/C released 24x500# GP bombs on what was believed to be M/Y NW of Kaiserlautern. Bombing results were very good. One locomotive and cars in M/Y were hit. One building was destroyed and fires started in oil cars. Squadron also strafed cars and locomotive in target area. 12 A/C released 22x500# GP bombs on M/Y believed to be in vicinity of Triers. Results were very good with several hits on choke point. 40 to 50 G/W were destroyed. Group then left target area at 1000, landing at A-40 at 1135. 2 of our A/C encountered a mid-air collision, with one A/C belly landing at Reims. For results of strafing and bombing see section H. No E/A were encountered. The flak over target area was heavy, weak and inaccurate; at Trier it was light, moderate and accurate. The weather was 9/10 at 1200 to 8000 feet. Visibility was poor and a great amount of rain was encountered.

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- B. : (i) 36 P47Ds (12-Escorts & top cover and 24-B/Bombers - Armed Recce over designated area)
- (ii) 36 - (12-Escorts & 12 B/Bombers (believed to be. N/Y NW of Kaiserlautern.
- (iii) ~~1 B/Bomber (a) weather caused very poor visibility & B/B/C collided, causing 1 B/B/C to crash-land at Reims. A/C had already attacked target.~~
- (iv) NIL
- (v) NIL
- (vi) NIL
- (vii) ~~3 - 1-Damaged due to mid-air collision, Cat. AC.  
1-Damaged due to mid-air collision, belly landing at Reims, Cat. B.  
1-Damaged by flak, Cat. A.~~
- (viii) 36
- C. : (i) 36 - 150 gal. American external belly tanks.
- (ii) 1
- D. : (i) 122:30
- (ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 64800 rounds 50 cal.
- (ii) 3218
- (iii) NIL
- F. : (i) 48 - 500g GP bombs (AN M103 nose, AN M101A2 tail)
- (ii) 48 - (24 - N/Y NW of Kaiserlautern)  
(22 - N/Y in vicinity of Trier)
- (iii) NIL
- (iv) NIL
- (v) 1 - 500g GP bomb returned to base.  
1 - 500g GP bomb fell off on take off.
- G. : NIL
- H. : NIL

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Other Claims:  
Locomotive 1-0-0  
Good/Wagons 60-0-0

For the Commanding Officer:

*Maurice Powell*  
MAURICE D POWELL  
1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Ass't. Adjutant.

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368th FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 595, US Army.  
8 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical  
Control Unit.  
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical  
Control Section.  
Commanding Officer, 64th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical  
Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer. *897*

REF : Oprep A No. 19/ for 24 hours ending sunset 7 September 1944.  
Operations Order No. 172, Para. 1, IX Tactical Air Command.

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

For the Commanding Officer:

*Marice D Powell*  
MARICE D POWELL  
1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Ass't. Adjutant.

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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 595, US Army,  
13 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 24A.

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

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

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Oprep A No. 192 for 24 hours ending sunset 8 September 1944.  
Operations Order No. 173, Amendment No 1, Par 10, Mission 751-3, IX Tactical Air Command.

*3 D/B*  
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A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 104 P47Ds on a total of 9 missions, 8 September 1944 to provide support for the 29th Infantry Division and to remain in target area for 30 minutes. 104 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs. Squadrons took off and landed at A-40. The data on these operations is as follows:

Mission No.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
1	11	0652	0943	Bombed Forts & Hills east of Fort at Q-918011. Targets were hit - results were excellent.	0820 0825
2	12	0722	1104	Bombed Fort at V-7198 & target at Q-9204.	0855
3	10	0807	1138	Bombed gun emplacement at V-7596. Also strafed a round flak installation near V-7596 - NRO.	0935
4	12	1123	1448	No target or enemy activity located - bombs were jettisoned in Channel	1245 - 1315
5	12	1218	1542	Bombed gun emplacement & artillery which were shelling our troops at V-7494. Very good results.	1340

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Mission No.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time o/T
6	12	1238	1609	Bombed Fort at Q-918010; excellent results. Bombed Fort at Q-73019; excellent results.	1400
7	12	1553	1901	Bombed artillery position in area at V-7796; excellent results. Strafed troops in town & fields in same area.	1720
8	12	1643	2013	Bombed Fort at V-90587; fair results. Bombed two 88mm. guns in haystack at V-91982; excellent results - both guns knocked out.	1815
9	11	1709	2043	Bombed a cave by sea at V-783946. Also strafed 2 AA gun positions at V-735975; 1 gun position destroyed at V-729983; good results, guns stopped firing.	1835

The flak at V-7596 was light, very heavy and inaccurate; at Brest it was heavy, moderate and accurate. No E/A were encountered on any of the missions. The weather was 8/10 - 9/10 at 2000 to 10000 feet.

- B. : (i) 104 P47D (D/Bombers - Support to the 29th Infantry Division - Ground targets over designated area)  
(ii) 101 - (D/Bombers - Support 29th Infantry Division - Completed Mission)  
(iii) 3 - 2 (b) Pilot error - Incorrect operation of external tank, Incorrect operation of radio.  
1 (c) Generator failure - Points burned out..  
(iv) NIL  
(v) NIL  
(vi) NIL  
(vii) NIL  
(viii) 101.
- C. : (i) 104 - 150 gal. American external belly tanks.  
(ii) NIL
- D. : (i) 372:15  
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 187200 rounds 50 cal.  
(ii) 10940  
(iii) NIL
- F. : (i) 208 - 500# GP bombs (AN M103 nose, AN M101A2 tail)  
44 (ii) 177 - (22 - Fort at Q-918011 & east of Fort - hill at Q-918011)  
( 2 - Target at Q-9204 &  
22 - Forts at V-9198)

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- F. : (ii) (20 - Gun emplacement at V-7596)  
 (24 - Gun emplacement at V-7494, also Artillery Position in same area)  
 (18 - Fort at V-918010 and  
 6 - Fort at V-923019)  
 (24 - Artillery Position, troops & building at V-7796)  
 (13 - Fort at V-905987 and  
 8 - Two 88mm. guns in haystack at V-913982)  
 (20 - Cave by sea at V-783946)  
 (iii) 25 - (24 - When one Squadron was not given any targets until gas was getting short, therefore bombing could not be accomplished)  
 (iv) NIL  
 6 - 500' GP bombs returned to base by abortive A/C
- G. : NIL
- H. : NIL

Other Claims:

88mm Guns 2-0-0  
 Gun emplacement 1-0-0  
 AA gun positions 3-0-0

For the Commanding Officer:

*Joseph L. Crumfield Jr*  
 1st Lt. A.C.  
 for MAURICE D POWELL  
 1st Lt., Air Corps.  
 Ass't. Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS  
368th FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 595, US Army,  
13 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprop A Report. USAF Form 31A.

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

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : SECRET

Oprop A No. 123 for 24 hours ending 9 September 1944.  
Operations Order No. 17h, Par 4, Mission Y01-2, IX Tactical Air Command.

A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 61 M/Ts (19 - as D/Bombers, 68 - Area Support) on a total of 7 missions to provide Armored Column Support for the 3rd Armored Division and to conduct an armed reconnaissance in the Herve, Reigen (P-9320) Schonberg (P-9589) Marche (P-308h) areas. 19 A/C each carried 2x500# CP bombs. Missions were executed 9 September 1944 with squadrons taking off and landing at A-40. The data on these operations is as follows:

Mission No.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
1	12	0711	1102	Bombed M/Ts - K-7025 & enemy tents NE of Leige - MRO. Strafing 500 German troops at K-6133; also 10 M/Ts & 2 staff cars at K-7025, one locomotive dest. at K-7025, 3 M/Ts at K-6028 & 1 locomotive at K-6028.	0815 to 0930
2	12	0907	1911	Bombed what appeared to be 2 dams & 3 88mm gun positions at K-7523. Strafing & dest. 19 M/Ts from K-7519 to K-7721.	1030
3	12	1107	1418	Bombed 2 tanks at K-7326 & target marked by smoke at K-7530. Strafing horses at K-7326 & 2 M/Ts at K-7337 & 2 tanks & one vehicle at K-7227.	1230

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Mission No.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
4	12	1914	1625	Bombed & strafed house & troops (German) at K-7128. Strafed & dest. 15-20 M/Ts at K-7226; 8 M/Ts dest. at K-7231, 10 M/Ts dest. NW of Venviers. 25-30 black uniformed men strafed at K-6810; 8-10 M/Ts & halftrack strafed at K-7128.	1415 to 1500
5	12	1513	1845	Bombed & dest. 5 tanks at K-5916. Strafed & damaged 10 tanks in same area. Strafed 3 halftracks at K-5415, 15 M/Ts dest. at K-591.	
6	12	1706	2012	Bombed a tank at K-6629 & K-6228. Strafed 4 M/Ts, dest. 1 mile from Wviers. Half-track & anti-tank gun dest. at K-62025.	1730 to 1915
7	9	1745	2020	Jettisoned 2 bombs when ground forces notified sqd. that enemy A/C were strafing them. No encounter followed.	

No E/A were encountered. The weather was generally 8/10 cumulus from 2000 to 7000 feet. 10 miles visibility above clouds with some haze below.

- B. (i) 81 M/Ts (68 - Area Support & 13 - D/Bombers - Armored Column Support - 3rd Armored Division - Reconnaissance over designated area.)
- (ii) 77 - (64 - Area Support & 13 - D/Bombers - Completed mission)
- (iii) 4 - 1-(Area Support (c) Booster pump for belly tank failed. (p/p)  
 1-(Area Support (c) Radio-dynamoator voltage regulator failure.  
 1-(Area Support (d) Enemy action - Belly landed at strip north of Chaloroi when A/C was hit by flak which caused forced landing.  
 1-(Area Support (d) Enemy action - Damaged by flak & landed at strip A-58.
- (iv) NIL  
 (v) NIL  
 (vi) NIL
- noted* { Correction to Oprep A No. 184, B. (vi) which reads -  
 \*1 - (Escort) - A/C believed hit by flak & was seen to belly land at K-8706\* should be deleted & the word NIL entered.
- (vii) 9 - 9 - Cat. AC, Flak damage.  
 5 - Cat., Flak damage.  
 1 - Cat. B., damaged by flak & forced belly landing at a strip north of Chaloroi.

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- B. : (vii) { Correction to Uprop A No. 199 of B (vii) should have an additional remark as follows:  
1 - (Report) damaged by fire & belly-landing - Det. unknown.
- (viii) 79
- C. : (i) 81 - 150 gal American type external belly tanks.  
(ii) 2
- D. : (i) 200.15  
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 145000 rounds 50 cal.  
(ii) 37709  
(iii) NIL
- F. : (i) 26 - 5000 GP bombs (AN M103 nose, AN M101A2 tail)  
(ii) 24 - (2 - 11' of legs - enemy tents)  
(2 - W/Ts at W-7005)  
(4 - 2 cars, 3 - 88mm gun positions at W-75201)  
(2 - 2 tanks at W-7326)  
(2 - Target marked by smoke at W-7530)  
(4 - House & troops at W-7128)  
(4 - 5 tanks at W-5916)  
(2 - Tank at W-6029)  
(2 - Tank at W-6028)  
(iii) 2 - At W-5426 when our A/C were informed that the ground forces were being attacked by enemy A/C.  
(iv) NIL
- G. : NIL
- H. : NIL

Other Claims:

W/Ts	25-0-0
Tanks	6-0-13
Staff Cars	7-0-0
Locomotive	2-0-0
Halftracks	3-0-2
German Personnel	375-0-15
88mm Guns	0-3-0
Anti-Tank Gun	1-0-0

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For the Commanding Officer:

*Joseph P. Remunfield Jr*  
1st Lt. ac.

for  
MARTINE D. POWELL  
1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Ass't. Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS  
360TH FIGHTER GROUP

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AGO 595, US Army,  
14 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 944.

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

FROM : 360th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

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Oprep A No. 194, for 24 hours ending sunset 19 September 1944.  
Operations Order No. 175, Part 4, Mission Y21-1, IX Tactical Air Command.

A. : The 360th Fighter Group executed 7 missions of 12 M/70s each (14 A/C as B/Bombers, 70 A/C as area support) 10 September 1944 to provide Armored Column Support for the 3rd Armored Division and to conduct an armed reconnaissance in area from B/L to Sittard, to Crovenbrich, to Reil Junction at L-165925 and west to B/L. 2 A/C on each mission carried 2x500 lb GP bombs. Squadrons took off and landed at A-40. The data on these operations is as follows:

Mission No.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
1	12	0706	1047	Bombed M/Y at K-7428 & dest. 2 locomotives & 25 G/R. Strafing 15 vehicles at K-7428, small tank at K-7425 & 3 vehicles dest. at K-7232.	0810
2	12	0904	1232	Strafed & dest. 1 locomotive & cars at R/R at K-7524. Strafing & bombed 5 M/70s at K-7223 (2 dest and 3 damaged).	1030 to 1115
3	12	1059	1437	Bombed & strafed house as requested at K-7423. Strafing 3 tanks at K-7425.	1225 to 1315
4	12	1306	1625	Bombed gun position 1 mile east of Limburg at K-7524, believed destroyed. Strafing & dest. 1 tank at K-7221, 8 M/70s dest at K-8216, 10 M/70s dest at K-8214.	1406

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Mission No.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
4				Headquarter building, 1 M/T & 25 personnel at K-7023. Also strafed other M/Ts and ground targets.	
5	12	1510	1828	Bombed 3 tanks at K-7924 (1 tank damaged). Strafing 6 M/Ts in same wooded area.	1615
6	12	1706	2014	Bombed targets (thought to be tanks) at K-733262 & K-727246.	1825 1900
7	12	1735	2041	Bombed M/Y & two trains at F-1725 & a large truck with gasoline trailer dest. at K-9709. Strafing 2 locomotives, plus 40 cars at F-1725.	1840

No E/A were encountered. The weather was O4VU over target area with 7/10 cumulus at 3500 feet appearing later in the day.

- B. :
- (i) 84 M47Ds (70 - Area Support & 14 - D/Bombers - Armored Column Support for 3rd Armored Division - Armed Reconnaissance over designated area)
  - (ii) 84 - (70 - Area Support & 14 - D/Bombers - Completed mission)
  - (iii) NIL
  - (iv) NIL
  - (v) NIL
  - (vi) NIL
  - (vii) 2 - 1-(A/C damaged by enemy action & landed at Laon Strip A-69, Cat. Unknown.  
1-(A/C damaged by light AA, Cat. AC.
  - (viii) 84
- C. :
- (i) 84 - 150 gal. American external belly tanks.
  - (ii) 11
- D. :
- (i) 306.15
  - (ii) NIL
- E. :
- (i) 173080 rounds 50 cal.
  - (ii) 30827
  - (iii) NIL
- F. :
- (i) 28 - 500# GP bombs (AN-M103 nose, AN-M101A2 tail)
  - (ii) 26 - (4 - M/Y at K-7928)  
(4 - M/Ts at K-7223)  
(2 - House at K-7423)  
(4 - Gun Position at K-7524)

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APO 595, US Army,  
15 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

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

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

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Oprep A No. 195 for 24 hours ending sunset 11 September 1944.  
Operations Order No. 176, Par 4, Mission Y21-2, IX Tactical Air Command.

A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 71 P47Ds (12 as D/Bombers and 59 as Area Support) on a total of 6 missions, 11 September 1944 to provide Armored Column Support for the 3rd Armored Division and to conduct an armed reconnaissance from Aachen, along B/I to St Vith, to Lissendorf (L-1993) to Duren, to Aachen. 2 A/C each, on each mission carried 2x500# GP bombs. The first three missions were executed at A-40. The last three mission were executed by taking off from A-40 and landing at A-69. The data on these operations is as follows:

Mission No.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
1	12	0717	1043	Bombed & dest. locomotive & train at L-0396 & another train and locomotive to & train dest. at F-1703. Strafed and dest. 3 M/Ts at F-1606; 2 locomotives & train of 50 cars at L-1993, also 1 M/T & staff car and another locomotive dest. in same area. Strafed & dest. one locomotive & cars at F-1703; 1 M/T and 1 locomotive dest at L-1699.	0830 0930
2	12	0917	1326	Bombed & dest. anti-tank gun at K-739268, artillery piece dest. at K-756263. one tank strafed & dest. at K-744258; 1 tank to probably dest. at K-770250.	1020 1220

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Mission No.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
3	12	1117	1507	Bombed 2 tanks (dang.) & 1 staff car dest. at K-7929. Strafe & dest. 14 W/Ts, 4 halftracks, 3 staff cars, two tanks & personnel carrier from K-7331 to K-7928.	1230
4	12	1315 A-40	1615 A-69	Bombed 3 tanks at K-774293. Strafed & dest. 12 W/Ts & 2 staff cars at K-7928.	
5	12	1515 A-40	1815 A-69	Bombed & dest. 1 tank at K-750285. Strafed & dest 3 tanks & 7 others probably dest. 22 W/Ts & 2 halftracks dest. in vicinity NE of Limbourg.	1630
6	11	1705 A-40	2005 A-69	Bombed & damaged 2 tanks at K-6935. Strafed & dest. 3 W/Ts at K-6915, 9 W/Ts at K-6937, 1 locomotive at K-8362 & 1 tank at K-6935.	1830

On the 4th mission, the squadron encountered 15 plus ME 109s at 1500 in vicinity of Eupon and at 1515, the squadron again encountered 36 ME 109s at K-7928 (see section H). The weather was 3/10 to 4/10 cumulus at 3500 to 4000 feet. Visibility was good. Later in the day, visibility became bad and very hazy.

- B. :
- (i) 71 H7ds (59 - Area Support and 12 - D/Bombers - Armored Column Support - 3rd Armored Division - Armed Reconnaissance over designated area)
  - (ii) 69 (58 - Area Support and 11 - D/Bombers - Completed Mission)
  - (iii) 4 - 1 - (c) (Area Support) - Mechanical - Prop governor failure.
  - 1 - (d) (D/Bomber) - Crashed in vicinity of Verviers due to enemy action. Pilot bailed out.
  - (iv) NIL
  - (v) NIL
  - (vi) ~~---~~
  - (vii) 7 - 1 A/C damaged severely by enemy action, crashed in vicinity of K-751277 (Verviers) after pilot bailed out, Cat. E.
  - 4 Damaged by flak & enemy action, Cat. AC.
  - 2 Damaged by flak & enemy action, Cat. A.
  - (viii) 70
- C. :
- (i) 71 - 150 gal American external belly tanks.
  - (ii) 9
- D. :
- (i) 249:45
  - (ii) NIL

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E. (1) 150520 rounds 50 cal.  
 (11) 101736 - (30000 rounds were expended 9 September 1944.)  
 (111) 2120

F. (1) 24 - 5000 GP bombs (AN M103 nose, AN M101A2 tail)  
 (11) 23 - (2 - Locomotive & train - L-0396)  
 (2 - Locomotive & train - F-1703)  
 (2 - Anti-tank gun at K-739268)  
 (2 - Artillery piece at K-756269)  
 (4 - 2 tanks & staff car at K-7329)  
 (4 - 3 tanks at K-774299)  
 (3 - 1 tank at K-750295)  
 (4 - 2 tanks at K-6935)

(111) NIL

(1v) NIL

1 - 5000 GP bomb fell off an runway (safe) at take-off.

G. 1 - LIA - Captain Carlos M Talbot, O-25777, 397th Fighter Squadron bailed out of his damaged A/C over town of Vorviers. A/C was damaged by enemy encounter. Captain Talbot returned to his squadron, 12 September 1944. He was slightly injured in action and did not require hospitalization.

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H. (1) 1 - ME 109 - Capt Carlos M Talbot, 397th Fighter Squadron. ✓  
 1 - ME 109 - Capt William R Gilbert, 397th Fighter Squadron. ✓  
 1 - ME 109 - Shared by: Lt Henry B Hamilton, 397th Fighter Squadron. ✓  
 Lt James P Hagan, 397th Fighter Squadron. ✓  
 1 - ME 109 - Lt Milton S Bender, 397th Fighter Squadron. ✓  
 1 - ME 109 - Lt Frederick C Stoll, 397th Fighter Squadron. ✓  
 (11) NIL  
 (111) 1 - ME 109 - Capt Carlson M Talbot, 397th Fighter Squadron. ✓

Other Claims:

M/Ts	66-0-0
Tanks	8-8-4
Locomotive	8-2-0
Staff Cars	6-2-0
Halftracks	6-0-0
C/te	10-0-50
Anti-tank Gun	1-0-0
Artillery Piece	1-0-0
Personnel	25-0-0

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For the Commanding Officer:

Maurice D Powell  
 MAURICE D POWELL  
 1st Lt., Air Corps,  
 Ass't. Adjutant.

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360TH FIGHTER GROUP

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AGO 525, US Army,  
15 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Copy A Report. USAF Form 34A.

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

FROM : 360th Fighter Group, Statistical officer.

REF : SECRET

Copy A No. 196 for 24 hours ending sunset (12) September 1944.  
Operations Order No. 177, Par 2, Mission YH-2, IX Tactical Air Command.

A. The 360th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 83 A/C (18 - B/Bombers, and 65 - Area Support) on a total of 7 missions, 12 September 1944 to provide Armored Column Support for Combat Command #1 of the 3rd Armored Division and to conduct an armed reconnaissance in area from Aachen to Rhine River (N-5046) along Rhine River to Aachen (N-6790) to Monschau (N-9410) along to B/A to Aachen. Squadron took off and landed at A-49. The 18 B/Bombers carried a total of 26 - 500# GP bombs. The data on these operations is as follows:

Mission No.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time of Day
1	18	0704	0937	Bombed B/A east of Aachen at N-2945 - (one bomb did not explode - dud). Strafed 2 trolley cars & 8 locomotives 1 B/A, and 1 staff car at Aachen.	0745
2	18	0906	1151	Bombed houses & fort at N-8535 and N-8437. Strafed & damaged observation tower at N-8238, also strafed & dact. B/A & tank at N-8732 & N-7937 and strafed a fortified position at N-8332 & N-8435.	0950
3	12	1107	1413	Bombed observation tower position at N-8238. Strafed 4 locomotives (dact) at Airdrome at N-5226, also strafed 10 flak gun positions in same area.	1145

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Mission No.	D A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time of Day
4	11	1305	1532	Bombed & strafed 4 tanks (dest.) at K-3334. Strafing & dest. 1 tank, three probably dest. & 1 half-track in same area.	1340
5	12	1510	1750	Bombed enemy barracks at K-2009 & a tank trap (dest) (contained 6 metal obstacles at K-2696. Strafing M/Ts at K-3095 & K-3336.	1600
6	12	1718	1945	Bombed tank traps at K-377353. Strafing & dest. 5 M/Ts at K-9299.	1810
7	12	1735	2026	Bombed buildings at K-376345 NBC. Strafing & dest. 40 - 50 vehicles at F-1220.	1945

The weather was generally very hazy with a solid overcast at 4000 feet, with tops at 7000 feet. Visibility was 3/4 mile. No R/A were encountered.

- B. : (1) 33 14770 (65 - Area Support and 10 - B/Bombers - Support to Combat Command "A" of the 3rd Armored Division - Armed reconnaissance over designated area.)
- (11) 32 - (65 - Area Support and 17 - B/Bombers - Completed Mission)
- (111) 1 - B/Bomber (d) Bunk 414 not available after striking target.
- (iv) NIL
- (v) NIL
- (vi) NIL
- (vii) 1 - Damaged by flak, Oct. A.
- (viii) 33
  
- C. : (1) 33 - 150 gal. American external belly tanks.
- (11) 32
  
- D. : (1) 23745
- (11) NIL
  
- E. : (1) 175960 pounds 50 cal.
- (11) 44730
- (111) NIL
  
- F. : (1) 26 - 5000 GP Bombs (AN M103 nose, AN M103A2 tail)
- (11) 23 - (1 - R/A east of Anchen at F-9745)  
 (2 - Houses at K-3335)  
 (2 - Fort at K-3497)  
 (1 - Observation Post at K-3098)  
 (3 - 4 tanks at K-3334)  
 (2 - Enemy barracks - warehouse at F-2009)  
 (1 - Tank trap at K-3696)

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- F. : (ii) (4 - Tank traps at K-877353)  
(3 - Buildings at K-876945)
  - (iii) NIL
  - (iv) NIL
  - G. : NIL
  - H. : NIL
- 1-500# GP bomb fell off (safe) at take-off.  
2-500# GP bombs failed to explode on R/R at K-9345.

Other Claims:

M/ta	56-0-1
Tanks	6-3-0
Locomotives	12-0-0
Halftracks	1-0-0
Trolley Cars	2-0-0
Concrete Observation Tower	1-0-0

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For the Commanding Officer:

*Maurice D Powell*  
**MAURICE D POWELL**  
 1st Lt., Air Corps,  
 Ass't. Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS  
360TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 595, US Army  
16 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. HAAAF Form 344.

- TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit.  
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical Control Section.  
Commanding General, 70th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical Control Section.
- FROM : 360th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.
- REF : Oprep A No. 197 for 24 hours ending sunset (13) September 1944.  
Operations Order No. DIZ, IX Tactical Air Command.
- A. : 16 F47Ds of the 360th Fighter Group (12 from 397th Fighter Squadron and 4 from 396th Fighter Squadron) took off from A-69 at 1258, 13 September 1944 to provide support for the 4th Infantry Division. 12 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs (instant nose, 1/40 tail fuse) and 4 A/C as escort and top cover. Arriving over target area at 1415, Squadron was instructed by ground forces to bomb Headquarters of the 2nd Panzer Division at L-040943. Unable to locate this target, squadron then was instructed by ground forces to bomb strong points along the Reigfried Line. 8 A/C dropped 16 bombs on buildings, which were destroyed at L-051951. 4 A/C dropped 8 bombs on M/Y at L-1496. Squadron of 16 A/C then left target area, landing at A-69 at 1530. Fair bombing results were obtained at L-051951. Two trains were hit and 10 cars destroyed on attack on M/Y at L-1496. No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. The flak at L-0494 was heavy, weak and inaccurate. The weather was hazy. Visibility was 2 - 5 miles.
- B. : (i) 16 F47Ds (4 - Escorts and top cover and  
12 - D/Bombers - Support to 4th Infantry Division)  
(ii) 16 (4 - Escort and top cover and  
(8 - D/Bombers - Blags at L-051951)  
(4 - D/Bombers - M/Y at L-1496)  
(iii) NIL  
(iv) NIL  
(v) NIL  
(vi) NIL  
(vii) NIL  
(viii) 16

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- C. : (i) 16 - 150 gal. American external belly tanks.  
(ii) 4
- D. : (i) 42:15  
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 33920 rounds 50 cal.  
(ii) NIL  
(iii) NIL
- F. : (i) 24 - 500# GP bombs (AN M103 nose, AN M101A2 tail)  
(ii) 24 - (16 - Buildings at L-051951)  
(8 - M/Y at L-1496)  
(iii) NIL  
(iv) NIL
- G. : NIL
- H. : NIL

Other Claims:

G/Ws	10-0-0
Locomotives	0-0-2

For the Commanding Officer:

*Maurice D Powell*  
MAURICE D POWELL  
1st Lt., Air Corps.  
Ass't. Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS  
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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16 September 1944  
APO 595, US Army.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAF Form 34A.

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

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer. *9/20*

REF : Oprep A No. 198 for 24 hours ending sunset 14 September 1944.  
Operations Order No. 179. IX Tactical Air Command.

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

For the Commanding Officer:

*Maurice D Powell*  
MAURICE D POWELL  
1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Ass't. Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS  
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 595, US Army,  
18 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

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

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : SECRET

Oprep A No. 199 for 24 hours ending sunset 15 September 1944.  
Operations Order No. 180, Para 2, Mission Y21-1, IX Tactical Air Command.

A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 24 F47Ds (12-Area Support and 12-D/Bombers) on a total of 3 missions, 15 September 1944, to provide Armored Column Support for the 2nd Armored Division and the 30th Infantry Division and to conduct an armed reconnaissance in area from Sittard (K-6968) to Dusseldorf, along Rhine River to Köln, to Eschweiler, along B/L to Sittard. 12 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs (instant nose, 1/40 tail fusing) and 12 A/C as escort - area support.

All missions took off and landed at A-69.

The 8 A/C on the 1st mission returned all bombs to base, when squadron was recalled due to very bad weather. The same A/C and Pilots took off on the 2nd mission, after a break in the weather. The data on these operations is as follows:

Mission No.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
1	8	0710	0744	Squadron recalled by squadron leader when weather was 10/10 at 800 feet to unknown heights - 40 miles from base. All bombs were returned to base.	
2	8	1634	1832	Bombed & dest. 3 tanks at K-665655, and woods at K-658649-NRO. Bombed & dest. 2 tanks & a car at K-656644. Flames & explosions were seen at this point. These targets were bombed during the recy flight in this area.	1710

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Mission No.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time of T
3	8	1650	1946	Bombed & dest train, 25 coaches and 10 flat cars & locomotive at K-9947. to Strafed & dest 1 M/T, 1 staff car, 1850 2 locomotives & 10 coaches at K-9947. Also dest. 2 locomotives & a 4 story factory at F-3450.	

No enemy aircraft were encountered. On first mission, the weather was 10/10 solid at 800 feet to heights unknown. Visibility was 1 mile. Later the weather was 10/10 at 4200 feet to 6000 feet. Visibility below and above was good.

- B. : (i) 24 F47Ds (12 - D/Bombers and  
12 - Escort - Area Support - Armored Column Support for  
2nd Armored Division and 30th Infantry Division -  
Armed reconnaissance over designated area)
- (ii) 30 18 - D/Bombers and  
8 - Escorts / Area Support - Completed Mission)
- (iii) 4 - (a) - (4 - Escorts / Area Support and  
4 - D/Bombers) - Squadron was recalled by squadron  
leader due to bad weather.
- (iv) NIL  
(v) NIL  
(vi) NIL  
(vii) 1 - Damaged by flak, Cat. AC.  
(viii) 16
- C. : (i) 24 - 150 gal. American external belly tanks.  
(ii) NIL
- D. : (i) 46:00  
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 50880 rounds 50 cal.  
(ii) 10547  
(iii) NIL
- F. : (i) 24 - 500# GP bombs (AN M109 nose, AN M101A2 tail)  
(ii) 16 - (4 - Woods at K-658649 - NPO)  
(2 - 2 Tanks and car at K-656644)  
(2 - 2 Tanks at K-665655)  
(8 - Locomotive, 25 coaches and 10 flat cars - K-9947)
- (iii) NIL  
(iv) NIL  
8 - 500# GP bombs returned to base by abortive A/C due to  
bad weather.

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G. : NIL

H. : NIL

Other Claims:

W/Ts	3-0-0
Tanks	5-0-0
Locomotives	5-0-0
G/Ws	10-0-0
Coaches	35-0-0
4 Stor'd Factory	1-0-0

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Operations Order WCCG, IX Tactical Air Command.

- A. : 4 F47Ds of the 347th Fighter Group took off at 1051, 15 September 1944 from A-69 to perform a weather reconnaissance mission in vicinity of Trier-Aachen. The flight of 4 A/C proceeded on mission as briefed, arriving over specified area at 1139. The flight flew from Civeth to Trier to Aachen, to Liege. Leaving the area at 1143, the flight landed at A-69 at 1246. No E/A were encountered. The weather was generally 9 to 10/10 with a base at 1000 feet and tops at 4000 feet. Visibility was good above the clouds and 1/2 to 3/4 of a mile below.
- B. : (i) 4 F47Ds (Weather Reconnaissance)  
 (ii) 4  
 (iii) NIL  
 (iv) NIL  
 (v) NIL  
 (vi) NIL  
 (vii) NIL  
 (viii) 4
- C. : (i) 4 - 150 gal. American external belly tanks.  
 (ii) NIL
- D. : (i) 8:15  
 (ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 16960 rounds 50 cal.  
 (ii) NIL  
 (iii) NIL
- F. : NIL
- G. : NIL

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R. : NIL

For the Commanding Officer:

*for* Joseph R. Crumfield Jr  
1st Lt. A.C.

MAURICE D POWELL  
1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Ass't. Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS  
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 595, US Army,  
18 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

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

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : S E C R E T

Oprep A No. 200 for 24 hours ending sunset 16 September 1944.  
Operations Order No. 182, Annex No. 1, Para 2, Mission X51-2,  
IX Tactical Air Command.

- A. : 12 P47Ds of the 368th Fighter Group (8 A/C from 396th Fighter Squadron and 4 A/C from the 397th Fighter Squadron) took off from A-69, 16 September 1944 to provide target Area Cover and to patrol area of Metz for 3 Boxes of B-26s, attacking strong points in the Metz area. 12 A/C took off at 1702 and arrived in specified area at 1740. Our A/C orbited around Metz while 70 B-26s bombed thru overcast east of Metz from 11500 feet. Our A/C left the area at 1835, landing at A-69 at 1918. Bombing results of B-26s were unobserved, partly due to poor visibility. 2 formations of enemy A/C were reported by radio over Cologne and later over Aachen. No damaged, abortive or R/A were encountered. The weather over the target area was generally 9/10 base - 3000 feet to 8000 feet tops, forcing our A/C to operate down from 18000 to 11000 feet
- B. : (i) 12 P47Ds (Target Area Cover for 3 boxes of B-26s)  
(ii) 12 - Completed Mission.  
(iii) NIL  
(iv) NIL  
(v) NIL  
(vi) NIL  
(vii) NIL  
(viii) 12

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- G. : (1) 12 - 150 gal. American external belly tanks.  
(11) NIL
- D. : (1) 20:00  
(11) NIL
- E. : (1) 2540 rounds 50 cal.  
(11) NIL  
(111) NIL
- F. : NIL
- G. : NIL
- H. : NIL

For the Commanding Officers:

*for* *Joseph L. Brumfield Jr*  
*1st Lt. A.C.*  
 MAURICE D. POWELL  
 1st Lt., Air Corps.  
 Ass't. Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS  
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 595, US Army,  
19 September 1944

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

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

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : SECRET

Oprep A No. 201 for 24 hours ending sunset 17 September 1944.  
Operations Order No. 184, Para. 6, Mission Y21-5, IX Tactical Air Command.

A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched 28 P47Ds on the first mission 17 September 1944 to conduct an armed reconnaissance in area from Koln along and including Rhine River to Koblenz, to Siegen (G-2052), to Alpe (G-0870) and to contact for targets, the 4th Infantry Division and the 5th Armored Division. 20 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs (instant nose - 1/40 tail fuse) and 8 A/C as escort and top cover. 28 A/C took off at 0838 from A-69. Upon arriving over designated area at 1000, Group could not contact ground forces, so Group <sup>performed</sup> an armed reconnaissance and 3 A/C bombed M/Y at G-1953 and 3 A/C bombed M/Y at G-1763, destroying choke point there. Also 12 A/C bombed M/Y and factory at Siegen - (G-2052) scoring direct hits on the factory there. Group also strafed and destroyed ground targets, including M/Ts and locomotives at various points (see section H). 2 A/C jettisoned 4 bombs at F-8710 when they encountered and attacked a HE 111 at deck level (probably destroyed). Group of 28 A/C then left target area, landing at A-69 at 1155. Excellent bombing results were obtained on M/Y at G-1763-G-1953 and G-2052, leaving the factory burning. No abortive A/C were encountered. 2 A/C were damaged by flak. The flak at Koln - F-4560 was heavy, very intense and accurate; along Rhine River at F-5146 and F-6947 it was light, intense and accurate. The weather was very hazy (from base to Rhine River). Visibility was poor, often making contact impossible.

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- A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched 27 P47Ds on the second mission 17 September 1944 to conduct an armed reconnaissance in area from Köln, along and including Rhine River to Eblenz, to Siegen (G-2052), to Alpe (G-2870) and contact for targets the 4th Infantry Division and the 5th Armored Division. 19 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs (instant nose, 1/40 tail fuse) and 8 A/C as escorts and top cover. 27 A/C took off from A-69 at 1331 and arrived over area at 1415. Group did not contact the ground forces and Group flew towards Koblenz and 19 A/C bombed M/Y at possibly (L-6392) - Mayen. Group of 27 A/C then left target area, landing at A-69 at 1531. Bombing results on M/Y containing 5 trains, were poor - NRO. No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. The flak over target area was light, intense and inaccurate. The weather was 6 to 8/10 at 300 to 3500 feet; solid overcast at 3500 to 11000 feet with rain and thunder clouds over target area. Visibility was poor.
- B. : (i) 55 P47Ds (16 - Escorts and top cover and  
39 - D/Bombers - Armed Reconnaissance over area of  
Köln, Rhine River, to Koblenz to Siegen, to Alpe.)  
(ii) 55 (16 - Escorts and  
6 - D/Bombers - M/Y at G-1763 and G-1953)  
12 - D/Bombers - M/Y and Factory at Siegen)  
2 - D/Bombers - No target - jettisoned bombs to attack  
a HE 111)  
19 - D/Bombers - M/Y, possibly at Mayen (L-6392)  
(iii) NIL  
(iv) NIL  
(v) NIL  
(vi) NIL  
(vii) 2 - Damaged by flak, - 1 Cat. A., 1 Cat. AC.  
(viii) 55
- C. : (i) 55 - 150 gal. American external belly tanks.  
(ii) 5
- D. : (i) 155:15  
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 116600 rounds 50 cal.  
(ii) 10010  
(iii) NIL
- F. : (i) 78 - 500# GP bombs (AN M103 nose, AN M101A2 tail)  
(ii) 74 - (6 - M/Y - G-1763)  
(6 - M/Y at G-1953)  
(24 - M/Y and factory at Siegen - G-2052) 12 direct hits.  
(38 - M/Y - possibly Mayen at L-6392)  
(iii) 4 - Due to encounter with enemy A/C - 1-HE 111 at P-0710.  
(iv) NIL

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G. : NIL

H. : in Air: - 0-1-0 ✓

(i) NIL

(ii) 1 - HSE 111 - 2nd Lt. William C. Dinnan, 395th Fighter Squadron.

(iii) NIL

Other Claims:

M/Ts	5-0-0
G/Ws	3-0-30 ✓
Locomotives	0-0-1

For the Commanding Officer:

*Joseph L. B. Brumfield Jr*  
*for* MAURICE D POWELL  
 1st Lt., Air Corps,  
 Ass't. Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS  
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 595, US Army  
19 September 1944

SUBJECT: Oprop A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

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

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer. *ELP*

REF : Oprop A No. 202 for 24 hours ending sunset 18 September 1944.  
Operations Order No. 186, Para 1, IX Tactical Air Command.

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

For the Commanding Officer:

*for* *Joseph B. Crumfield Jr*  
*1st Lt. A.C.*  
MAURICE D POWELL  
1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Ass't. Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS  
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 595, U.S. Army,  
20 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

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

FROM : 368th Fighter Group Statistical Officer.

REF : Oprep A No. 203 for 24 hours ending sunset 19 September  
1944. Operations Order No. 187 Par 3, Mission Y21-2,  
IX Tactical Air Command.

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

For the Commanding Officer:

*Joseph D. Brumfield Jr*  
*1st Lt. A.C.*  
*for*  
MURICE D. POWELL  
1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Asst. Adjutant.

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MEMORANDUM  
368th FIGHTER GROUP

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ADM 325, US Army  
22 September 1944

SUBJECT: Group A Report. 1200Z 22 Sep 44.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 5th Statistical  
Control Unit.  
Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical  
Control Section.  
Commanding General, 709th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical  
Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

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Group A No. 204 for 24 hours ending sunset 20 September 1944.  
Operations Order No. 109 Para 7b, Mission 104b, IX Tactical Air Command.

- A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 36 P-51s on the first mission, 20 September 1944 to five bomb strong points, No. 1 through 5 inclusive, north of Aachen. 36 A/C each carried 2x500# G bombs (instant nose, 1/40 tail fusing). 36 A/C took off from A-69 at 1202 and arrived over designated area north of Aachen at 1240. Group made contact with the Ground Forces and it was agreed that the weather was too poor for bombing the designated targets. Group of 36 A/C then left target area at 1340, landing at A-69 at 1439. All bombs were returned to the base. No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. The weather was 8 to 10/10 cumulus, with tops of 5000 feet. Visibility was poor - limited to one mile.
- B. : (i) 36 P-51s (5/Bombers - Strong points - north of Aachen)  
(ii) NIL  
(iii) 36 - (2/Bombers) - (a) - Targets could not be dive bombed due to bad weather - A/C returned all bombs to base.  
(iv) NIL  
(v) NIL  
(vi) NIL  
(vii) NIL  
(viii) 36
- C. : (i) 36 - 150 gal Americal external belly tanks.  
(ii) NIL

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- H. : (i) 96:00  
(ii) NIL
- I. : (i) 76920 rounds 50 cal.  
(ii) NIL  
(iii) NIL
- J. : (i) 72 - 5000 GP bombs (AN M103 nose, AN M2 140 tail)  
(ii) NIL  
(iii) NIL  
(iv) NIL  
72 - 5000 GP bombs returned to base by abortive A/C due to bad weather.
- G. : NIL
- H. : NIL

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Operations Order No. 221-7, Para 34, II Tactical Air Command.

- A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched 28 F47Ds (12 - B/Bombers and 16 - Escort and top cover) on the 2nd mission, 20 September 1944 on a Fighter Bomber mission and to perform an armed reconnaissance in area 15 miles on both sides of Rhine River from Coblenz to Cologne. 12 A/C each carried 2x5000 GP bombs (instant nose, 1/20 tail fusing). 28 A/C took off from A-69 at 1635 and arrived over the designated area at 1725. 4 A/C released 8 bombs on 2 M/Ts at L-4323; 4 A/C released 8 bombs on 4 M/Ts at L-4328; 4 A/C released 8 bombs on vehicles at L-4328 (in vicinity of Hagen). Group also strafed 1 M/T and one armored vehicle at L-4328 and performed reconnaissance over designated area. One enemy A/C (SE 110) was attacked at 3500 feet and was seen to explode on ground at L-4328. Targets were difficult to find due to bad weather. Group of 28 A/C then left target area at 1815, landing at A-69 at 1914. No abortive A/C were encountered and 2 A/C were damaged by flak. The weather was 3/10 to 9/10 - base at 2500 feet and tops at 7000 feet. Visibility was poor below clouds.
- B. : (i) 28 F47Ds (16 - Escorts and top cover -  
12 - B/Bombers - Armed reconnaissance 15 miles on both sides of Rhine River from Coblenz to Cologne)  
(ii) 28 - (16 - Escorts to B/Bombers  
(4 - B/Bombers - 2 M/Ts at L-4323)  
(4 - B/Bombers - 4 M/Ts at L-4328)  
(4 - B/Bombers - Concentration of M/Ts at L-4328)  
All A/C completed armed reconnaissance.  
(iii) NIL  
(iv) NIL  
(v) NIL

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- B. : (vi) NIL  
(vii) 2 - Damaged by flak, 2 Oct. AC.  
(viii) 20
- C. : (i) 20 - 150 gal. American external belly tanks.  
(ii) NIL
- D. : (i) 77:00  
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 59960 rounds 50 cal.  
(ii) 7069  
(iii) NIL
- F. : (i) 24 - 5000 GP bombs (AN M103 nose, AN M101A2 tail)  
(ii) 24 - (8 - 2 M/Ts at L-4303)  
(8 - 4 M/Ts at L-4398)  
(8 - 5 M/Ts at L-4292)  
(iii) NIL  
(iv) NIL
- G. : NIL
- H. : In Air 1-0-0  
(i) 1 - M10 - Shared by 1st Lt. Roy D Gibson - 397th Fighter Sqd. ✓  
2nd Lt. Kenneth B Kalen - 397th Fighter ✓  
Sqd.  
2nd Lt. William A Preston - 397th Fighter ✓  
Sqd.  
(ii) NIL  
(iii) NIL

Other Claims:

M/Ts 7-0-0

For the Commanding Officer:

*Joseph B. Brumfield*  
1st Lt. AC.  
for  
MAURICE D POWELL  
1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Ass't. Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS  
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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AGO 595, US Army,  
29 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprop A Report. USAAF Form 38A.

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

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : SECRET

Oprop A No. 205 for 24 hours ending sunset 21 September 1944.  
Operations Order No. 192, Para 3, Mission Y21-9, IX Tactical Air Command.

A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 69 A/C on a total of 6 missions, 21 September 1944 to provide support for the VII Corps and to conduct an armed reconnaissance in area bounded by Aachen to Koln, along Rhine River to Hoenef (F-6427) to Roscheid (F-0805), along B/L to Aachen. 23 A/C each carried 2x500 lb GP bombs (instant nose, 1/40 tail fuse) and 40 A/C as escort and top cover. Squadron took off and landed at A-69. The data on these operations is as follows:

Mission No.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time C/T
1	8	1034	1240	Bombed town of Guirzenich (K-9843) with good results. Target was requested & marked by VII Corps. Also strafed & dest. 2 locomotives at F-0347.	1108
2	12	1135	1439	Bombed & dest. 2 locomotives and probably dest. 50 goods wagons in R/R Yards (believed to be) at F-1066. Also hits on one warehouse - left burning in edge of R/R Yards.	1210
3	12	1231	1509	Bombed 8 Tiger tanks (4 dest. & 2 damaged) as requested, at F-927438.	1310 1400

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Mission No.	A/C Dispatched	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
4	7	1421	1724	Bombed strong points & tank blocks at K-976245 as required by Ground Forces.	1655
5	12	1603	1828	Bombed M/Y at Eschweiler K-9648. No detailed results observed although M/Y was hit.	1650
6	12	1612	1837	Bombed a smoke marked target believed to have been tiger tanks at K-942438. Target requested by Ground Forces. Ground Forces said bombing was beautiful.	1650 to 1740

No E/A were encountered. The weather was generally 4/10 to 10/10 at 2500 to 7000 feet and very hazy. Visibility was poor.

- B. :
- (i) 63 F47Ds (40 - Escort / Area Support and 23 - D/Bombers - Support to VII Corps and Armed Reconnaissance over designated area)
  - (ii) 63 (40 - Escort and Area Support and 23 - D/Bombers - Completed Mission)
  - (iii) NIL
  - (iv) NIL
  - (v) NIL
  - (vi) NIL
  - (vii) NIL
  - (viii) 63
- C. :
- (i) 63 - 150 gal. American external belly tanks.
  - (ii) 3
- D. :
- (i) 176:30
  - (ii) NIL
- E. :
- (i) 133560 rounds 50 cal.
  - (ii) 1688
  - (iii) NIL
- F. :
- (i) 46 - 500/ GP bombs (AN M103 nose, AN M101A2 tail)
  - (ii) 46 - (8 Town of Guirenich K-98013)  
 (8 - B/R Yards & warehouse at F-1866)  
 (8 - 8 Tiger Tanks - K-937493)  
 (4 - Strong points K-976245)  
 (2 - Tank blocks at K-976245)  
 (8 - M/Y - Eschweiler K-9648)  
 (8 - Smoke marked target K-942438)
  - (iii) NIL
  - (iv) NIL

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C. : NIL  
H. : NIL

Other Claims:

Tanks	4-0-2
Locomotives	4-0-0 ✓
C/Ws	0-59-0
Tank Blocks	2-8-0
Warehouse	1-0-0

For the Commanding Officer:

*Maurice D Powell*  
MAURICE D POWELL  
1st Lt., Air Corps.  
Ass't. Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS  
368th FIGHTER GROUP

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AFG 595, 1st Army,  
24 September 1944

SUBJECT: Oprop A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

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

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : SECRET

Oprop A No. 206 for 24 hours ending sunset 22 September 1944.  
Operations Order No. 193, Para 5, Mission Y21-5, IX Tactical Air Command.

A. The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 32 P47Ds (D/Bombers) on the first mission to perform a Fighter Bomber Mission to cut Heillines of the Green System between the following coordinates, RR #1 F-1950 to F-1759, RR #2 F-1350 to F-22757, RR #3 F-2346 to F-2855, RR #4 F-3509 to F-3645, RR #5 F-3529 to F-4985, RR #6 L-5973 to L-8090, RR #7 L-3297 to F-6017, RR #8 L-3777 to L-6493. 32 A/C each carried 2x5000 GP bombs (8-11 second delay). 32 A/C took off from A-69 at 0911, 22 September 1944 and arrived over target area at 0955. The railroad tracks were cut at the following points: R/R #1 out at F-1554, R/R #2 out at F-1651, R/R #3 out at 2 places in M/W at F-222461 and F-2947, R/R #4 out in 3 or 4 places between F-3530 and F-3596, R/R #5 cut in 3 places between F-4127 and F-3928, R/R #6 not attached due to bad weather, R/R #7 cut at F-4610, and R/R #8 M/W at L-6493 was bombed and track was cut 3 miles east of L-6493. One squadron strafed 3 locomotives (dest.). Group then left target area at 1120, landing at A-69 at 1217. One A/C landed at Villery F-1914 due to battle damage. No abrtive or SA were encountered. The weather was generally 2/10 to 7/10 at 4000 to 10000 feet. Visibility was good. At south of R/R #6 it was 10/10 at 3000 feet.

B. (1) 32 P47Ds (D/Bombers) Out (Green System) railroad track in vicinity of Aachen, Köln and Koblenz.  
(11) 32 (D/Bombers) - Completed Mission.  
(11) NIL

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- B. : (iv) NIL  
(v) NIL  
(vi) NIL  
(vii) 2 - Damaged by flak, 1 Cat. AC, 1 Cat. unknown (A/C landed at Villery F-191h)  
(viii) 32
- C. : (i) 32 - 150 gal. American external belly tanks  
(ii) 2
- D. : (i) 95+30  
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 67240 rounds 50 cal.  
(ii) 1601  
(iii) NIL
- F. : (i) 64 - 5000 lb bombs (fuse W-113)  
(ii) 64 - (16 - Round house & W/Y at Mayen, R/R # 1-4493 also cut tracks 3 miles east of 1-4493)  
( 6 - R/R #4 cut tracks 3 or 4 places between F-3590 and F-3596)  
( 6 - R/R #5 cut tracks in 3 places between F-4127 and F-3928)  
(14 - R/R #2 cut tracks at F-1651)  
( 6 - R/R #7 cut tracks at F-4610)  
( 6 - R/R #1 cut tracks at F-155h)  
( 8 - R/R #3 cut track at 2 places in W/Y at F-29461)  
(iii) NIL  
(iv) NIL
- G. : 1 - IMA - Captain Charles W. Romine, O-665447, 996th Fighter Squadron wounded in leg by flak. Wound requiring hospitalization.
- H. : NIL

Other Claims:

Locomotives 3-0-0  
G/W 3-0-0 ✓

*Sweep*  
*E.B.*

Operations Order No. 193, Para 6, Mission Y21-6, IX Tactical Air Command.

- A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 32 P47Ds on the 2nd mission on a Fighter Sweep in area from north of Aachen to Coellenkirchen (F-876h) to Gladbeck, across River Rhine to north of Düsseldorf, to southeast to Berg Gladbeck (F-566h) to Siegburg (F-624h) to Königswinter (F-6231) to Ruskirchen, to Duren, to Aachen. Group of 32 A/C took off from A-69 at 1515, 22 September 1944 and arrived over designated area at 1600. Shortly after take-off, one A/C aborted due to canopy failure.

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- A. : After conducting a sweep at 13000 feet, no enemy air activity was noted. The sweep was uneventful and the Group of 31 A/C left the area at 1720, landing at A-69 at 1818. No damaged or E/A were encountered. The weather was 3/10 cumulus with 15000 feet tops. Visibility was poor.
- B. : (i) 32 F47Ds (Fighter Sweep over designated areas)  
 (ii) 31 (Fighter Sweep - Completed mission)  
 (iii) 1 - (c) Canopy failure. Canopy came off of A/C at take-off.  
 (iv) NIL  
 (v) NIL  
 (vi) NIL  
 (vii) NIL  
 (viii) 31
- C. : (i) 32 - 150 gal. American external belly tanks.  
 (ii) NIL
- D. : (i) 96:00  
 (ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 67840 rounds 50 cal.  
 (ii) NIL  
 (iii) NIL
- F. : NIL
- G. : NIL
- H. : NIL

For the Commanding Officer:

*Maurice D Powell*  
 MAURICE D POWELL  
 1st Lt., Air Corps,  
 Ass't. Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS  
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

I-P-1

APO 595, US Army,  
25 September 1944

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report, USAAF Form 34A.

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

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : SECRET

Oprep A No. 207 for 24 hours ending sunset 23 September 1944.  
Operations Order No. 194, Para 4, Mission Y21-2, IX Tactical Air Command.

A. : 12 P47Ds of the 396th Fighter Squadron, of the 368th Fighter Group took off from A-69 at 1440, 23 September 1944 to provide support for VII Corps and conduct an armed reconnaissance in area bound by: Aachen to Koln, along River Rhine to Honnef (F-6427) to Rescheid (F-0805) along B/L to Aachen. 4 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs (instant nose, 1/40 tail fuse). 12 A/C proceeded on mission as briefed arriving over specified area at 1530. The Ground Forces marked the target that they wanted bombed with red smoke. 4 A/C dropped 8 bombs on smoke marked target at F-6127. Ground Forces said "Good bombing". No results were observed and nature of target is unknown. Squadron also strafed boats, tugs and barges in the Rhine River from F-4472 to F-3877. (see section H for results). Squadron received the area and left the area at 1640, landing at A-69 at 1736. The squadron noted many tugs and boats on the Rhine River. The flak at F-4277 was light, moderate and accurate. No B/A were encountered. 2 A/C were damaged by flak. The weather was 10/10 cumulus, base 2000 feet, 10000 tops. Visibility was fair.

12 P47Ds of the 397th Fighter Squadron took off from A-69 at 1547, 23 September 1944 to provide support for VII Corps and conduct an armed reconnaissance in area bounded by: Aachen to Koln, along River Rhine to Honnef (F-4277) to Rescheid (F-0805) along B/L to Aachen. 4 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs (instant nose, 1/40 tail fuse).

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- A. : Three A/C aborted after take-off. 9 A/C proceeded on mission as briefed, arriving over specified area at 1630. Ground Forces wanted a target 10 miles north of Stolberg attacked. This could not be accomplished because of intense flak. 3 A/C then dropped 6 bombs on road junction at F-028510. There were near misses on road junction with at least one hit on the road. The squadron left the area at 1715, landing at A-69 at 1753. The flak at F-028510 (7 miles northwest of Stolberg) was light and heavy, very intense and inaccurate. No B/A were encountered. The weather was 8 to 9/10 cumulus, base 2000 feet - tops 12000 feet. Visibility was poor. Squadron encountered bad weather throughout the mission.
- B. : (1) 24 F47Ds (16 Escort & 8 on cover and 8 B/B/bers/ Area Support for VII Corps; turned RECCO over DESIGNATED areas)  
 (11) 21 (14 Escorts and top cover and  
 (4) B/B - Smoke marked target at F-01227)  
 (3) B/B - Road junction at F-028510  
 (11) 3(A) 1 - Escort weather-caused A/C to  
 1 - B/B ) abort.  
 (6) 1 Escort, vacuum pump failed causing instruments to fail.  
 (IV) Nil  
 (V) Nil  
 (VI) Nil  
 (VII) 2 - Damaged by flak, Cat AC.  
 (VIII) 23
- C. : (1) 24 - 150 gal American external belly tanks.  
 (11) 4
- D. : (1) 60:45  
 (11) Nil
- E. : (1) 50800 rounds .50 cal.  
 (11) 10620.  
 (11) Nil.
- F. : (1) 16 - 5000 GP Bombs (An m103 nose, An m101A2-tail)  
 (11) 14 - (8-Smoke marked target as requested by ground forces at F-01227).  
 (6-Road Junction at F-028510).  
 (11) Nil  
 (4v) Nil  
 2-5000 GP Bombs returned to base by abortive A/C.
- G. : Nil
- H. : Nil

Other Claims

Boats, Tugs and barges 9-0-10.

For the Commanding Officer:

*James B. Brumfield Jr*  
 1st Lt. U.S. Air Corps.  
 Asst. Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS  
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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ATO 595, US Army,  
25 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report, USAAF Form 34A.

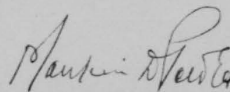
- TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit.
- Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical Control Section.
- Commanding General, 70th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : Oprep A No. 208 for 24 hours ending sunset 24 September 1944. Operations Order No. 195, Para 4, Mission Y21-2, IX Tactical Air Command.

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

For the Commanding Officer:



MAURICE D POWELL  
1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Ass't. Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS  
96TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 525, 15 Army  
26 September 1944

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

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

FROM : 96th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer. *EB*

REF : Oprep A No. 209 for 24 hours ending sunset 25 September 1944.  
Operations Order No. 196 Para 3, Mission Y21-2, IX Tactical  
Air Command.

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

Section II -

Correction on Oprep A No. 178.

Other Claims should be amended to read as follows:

M/ps	76-0-30
Tanks	24-0-32
Wagons	6-0-0
Field Pieces	11-0-2
Darges	2-0-6
Half-tracks	17-0-3
Scout Cars	1-0-3

For the Commanding Officer:

*Maurice D. Powell*  
MAURICE D. POWELL  
1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Ass't. Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS  
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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AFO 595, US Army,  
28 September 1944

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

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

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

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Oprep A No. 210 for 24 hours ending sunset 26 September 1944.  
Operations Order No. 197 Para 4, Mission Y21-9, IX Tactical  
Air Command.

A. : 12 P-47Ds of the 396th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter  
Group took off on the first mission from A-69, 26 September 1944  
to provide support for the XIX Corps and to conduct an armed re-  
connaissance in area bound by Bochet (K-7075) to Dusseldorf, along  
River Rhine to Köln, to Aachen, along R/L to Bochet. 4 A/C each  
carried 2x5000 GP bombs (instant nose, 1/40 tail fuse) and 8 A/C  
as escort and top cover. 12 A/C proceeded on mission as briefed,  
arriving over designated area at 1650. Ground controller was knocked  
out by enemy action before Squadron arrived. 4 A/C released 8 bombs  
on a white smoke-marked target at K-8954 as requested by Deputy Ground  
Controller. Ground Forces said bombing results were excellent.  
Squadron of 12 A/C then left target area, landing at A-69 at 1831.  
Three FW 190s were observed parked in SW corner of A/D at F-6142,  
also another FW 190 was seen coming in for landing there. 3 of our  
A/C were damaged by flak during the mission. No abortive or E/A  
were encountered. The flak at A/D at F-6142 was light, intense  
and accurate. The weather was 5/10 cumulus between 5000 and  
10000 feet.

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Operations Order No. 197 Para 4, Mission Y21-3 IX Tactical Air Command.

- A. : The 395th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group dispatched on the 2nd mission 12 F47Ds on a Leaflet Mission and to provide support for the XIX Corps and to conduct an armed reconnaissance over designated areas. 4 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs and 5 A/C each carried 2 leaflet bombs. 12 A/C took off from A-69 at 1411, 26 September 1944. One A/C aborted shortly after take-off due to radio failure. 11 A/C arrived over target area at 1651. 4 A/C dropped one leaflet bomb at each of the following points: F-9957, K-9462, F-9750, K-8954, F-0359, F-0348, F-1247 and F-0352. 4 A/C released 8 bombs on two towers at K-8864 and K-8665 as requested by Ground Forces. A/C also strafed two towers. Attacks on towers were successful. These targets were marked with red smoke. 11 A/C then left target area, landing at A-69 at 1853. No damaged or E/A were encountered. The weather was 4/10 stratus at 6 to 8000 feet. Visibility was 10 miles with slight haze at 4500 feet.
- B. : (i) 24 F47Ds (8 - D/Bombers  
11 - Escorts  
5 - Leaflet Bombs - Support XIX Corps - Leaflet Mission - Armed reconnaissance over designated Areas)
- (ii) 23 - (4 - D/Bombers - Smoke marked target at K-8954)  
(4 - D/Bombers - Two towers at K-8864 and K-8665)  
(4 - Dropped 1 leaflet bomb at each of these points:  
K-9957, K-9462, K-9750, K-8954, F-0359, F-0348,  
F-1247 and F-0352)
- (iii) 11 - Escort - Armed Reconnaissance - Completed Mission)
- (iiii) 1 - Leaflet Bomber (b) Pilot error on operating the radio.
- (iv) NIL
- (v) NIL
- (vi) NIL
- (vii) 3 - Damaged by flak, 2 Cat. A., 1 Cat. AC.
- (viii) 23
- C. : (i) 24 - 150 gal. American external belly tanks  
(ii) 4
- D. : (i) 62:45
- E. : (i) 50880 rounds 50 cal.  
(ii) 640  
(iii) NIL
- F. : (i) 16 - 500# GP bombs (AN M103 nose and AN M101A2 tail)  
10 - Leaflet Bombs

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- F. : (ii) 16 - 500# GP bombs -  
 (8 - Smoke marked target at K-895A)  
 (4 - Tower at K-866A)  
 (4 - Tower at K-8665)  
 8 - Leaflet Bombs - (one bomb at each of these points;)  
 K-9957, K-9462, K-9750, K-895A, K-9359, K-9349,  
 K-1247 and K-9352)
- (iii) NIL  
 (iv) NIL
- 2 leaflet bombs returned to base by abortive A/C.

G. : NIL

H. : NIL

Operations Order No. Y21-9, Para 3, IX Tactical Air Command.

- A. : 8 B7Ds of the 397th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from A-69 at 1726, 26 September 1944 on a Fighter-Bomber Mission to attack M/T Concentrations on road from Vorweiden (K-895490) to Eschweiler. 4 A/C each carried 2-500# GP bombs (instant nose, 1/40 tail fuse) and 4 A/C as escort and top cover. 8 A/C arrived over target area at 1800. Upon arrival over target area, Controller cancelled original target of M/T concentrations and instructed squadron to bomb Airfield at Bonn F-6041. 4 A/C released 8 bombs on a possible fuel dump and buildings on south side of the field. Explosions, flames and black smoke were observed after bombing attack. Darkness prevented squadron from strafing ground targets. Squadron of 8 A/C then left target area at 1815, landing at A-69 at 1909. One A/C was damaged by flak. No abortive or E/A were encountered. The flak at F-6041 was heavy, and intense. Possibly rockets were seen at F-6040 trailing red ball flames and brown smoke.
- B. : (i) 8 B7Ds (4 - Escorts and top cover and  
 4 - D/Bombers - Fighter-Bomber Mission - M/Ts on road  
 from Vorweiden to Eschweiler)  
 (ii) 8 - (4 - Escorts and  
 4 - D/Bombers - Attacked Airfield at Bonn F-6041 -  
 Completed Mission. (Target was ordered by Controller)  
 (iii) NIL  
 (iv) NIL  
 (v) NIL  
 (vi) NIL  
 (vii) 1 - Damaged by flak, Cat. AC.  
 (viii) 8
- C. : (i) 8 - 150 gal. American external belly tanks.  
 (ii) NIL

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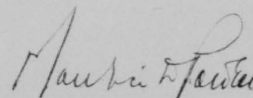
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- D. : (i) 16:30  
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 16960 rounds 50 cal.  
(ii) NIL  
(iii) NIL
- F. : (i) 8 - 500# GP Bombs (AN M103 nose, AN M101A2 tail)  
(ii) 8 - Airfield at Bonn F-6041. (Building and possibly fuel  
dump hit)  
(iii) NIL  
(iv) NIL
- G. : NIL
- H. : NIL

For the Commanding Officer:



MAURICE D POWELL  
1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Ass't. Adjutant.

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REPORT  
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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170 525, US Army,  
29 September 1944

REPORT: Group A Report, USAAF Form 34.

- 1. Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit.
- 2. Commanding General, IV Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical Control Section.
- 3. Commanding General, 70th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical Control Section.

FROM: 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF: SECRET

Group A No. 211 for 24 hours ending sunset 27 September 1944.  
Operations Order No. 198 Para 4, Mission 101-A, IV Tactical Air Command.

The 368th Fighter Group dispatched a total of 32 A/Cs on three missions, 27 September 1944, to perform an armed reconnaissance in area bound by Roehet (N-7075) to Dusseldorf, along River Rhine to Mein, to Aachen, along B/L to Roehet. 32 A/C (12 - B/Bombers and 20 escorts and top cover) took off and landed at A-69. 12 A/C each carried 2x500 lb bombs. The data on these operations is as follows:

Mission No.	Dispatched A/C	Time up	Time down	Target	Time O/T
1	8	0704	0949	Assigned Recce. area was a solid over-cast 2-5000 feet. Good recce. Dusseldorf to area. Bombed factory and W/B Yards at 0900 P-398500 with good results. Much destruction with black & red smoke observed from all smoke stacks after bombing.	0742
2	12	0905	1131	Bombed road intersection at P-1960-470. 1000	
3	12	1045	1339	Bombed factory at House P-2790 a smelter or iron works. Results were difficult to observe. Bombing appeared good - factory left burning and smoking.	

On the second mission, one A/C aborted due to engine trouble and another A/C as it's escort. One A/C was damaged by flak. Cat. A. No B/A were encountered. The weather over recce. area was a solid over-cast at 3 to 5000 feet and later 2/10 to 10/10 cumulus with tops of 7-8000 feet.

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- B. : (i) 32 B7Ds (12 - D/Bombers and  
20 - Escort and top cover - Armed Reconnaissance  
over designated areas)
- (ii) 30 - (12 - D/Bombers and  
18 - Escorts and top cover - Completed Mission)
- (h - D/Bombers and  
h - Escorts - Factory & R/R Yards at F-338500)
- (h - D/Bombers and  
8 - Escorts and top cover - Factory at House F-2790)
- (h - D/Bombers and  
6 - Escorts - Road Junction F-1360)
- (iii) 2 - (Escorts) - (c) 1 - Rough engine - spark plugs saturated  
with oil, caused A/C to abort.  
(d) 1 - Escort to abortive A/C.
- (iv) NIL
- (v) NIL
- (vi) NIL
- (vii) 1 - Damaged by flak, Cat. A.
- (viii) 30
- C. : (i) 32 - 150 gal. American external belly tanks.  
(ii) NIL
- D. : (i) 85:00  
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 67840 rounds 50 cal.  
(ii) NIL  
(iii) NIL
- F. : (i) 24 - 500# GP bombs (AN M103 nose, ANM101A2 tail)  
(ii) 23 - (7 - Factory & R/R Yards at F-338500)  
(8 - Road Intersection F-1360)  
(8 - Factory - House F-2790)
- (iii) 1
- (iv) NIL
- G. : NIL
- H. : NIL

For the Commanding Officer:

*Maurice D Powell*  
MAURICE D POWELL  
1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Ass't. Adjutant.

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S E C R E T

HEADQUARTERS  
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 595, US Army,  
30 September 1944

SUBJECT: Oprep A Report. USAAF Form 34A.

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

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

REF : S E C R E T

Oprep A No. 212 for 24 hours ending sunset 28 September 1944.  
Operations Order No. 199 Para 6, Mission Y21-4, IX Tactical  
Air Command.

A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched on the first mission a total of 32 P47Ds, 28 September 1944 to perform an armed reconnaissance in area bounded by Cologne, south to Linz (F-6819) and from the Rhine River east to a depth of 20 miles. The principle targets being road and rail movements. 12 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs and 20 A/C as escort and top cover. 32 A/C took off from A-69 at 0909 and arrived over reconnaissance area at 1000. 4 A/C from one squadron released 8 bombs on a double R/R track at Nassau H-0591 and on a train of 35 cars, destroying the locomotive and 20 cars. 4 D/Bombers from another squadron released 8 bombs on 6 barges, 4 of which were sunk at L-9073. One squadron of 12 A/C was jumped by 4 FW 190s at 21000 feet in Koblenz area. Four of our A/C jettisoned their bombs at this time. E/A made one pass and fled without an encounter being made. Squadrons also strafed and destroyed locomotives and cars (see section H). Group of 32 A/C then continued reconnaissance and left the area at 1045, landing at A-69 at 1219. One A/C was damaged by enemy A/C. No abortive A/C were encountered. The flak at F-3540 was light, intense and accurate; at L-9972 it was heavy, weak and accurate. Rockets were seen to burst at 20000 feet. This was possibly a prearranged ground signal for enemy aircraft and also a signal for enemy AA to cease firing, for the flak stopped right after rockets were fired and the enemy aircraft bounced our aircraft two minutes later. The Rhine River was jammed with 100-150 barges at L-9282-L-9575. Much RR activity was observed east of Rhine. The weather was 5/10 semi-cumulus, tops of 8500 feet. Visibility was good.

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- A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched on the second mission, 28 September 1944 a total of 31 B-7Ds (12 B/Bombers, 19 as escorts and top cover) to perform an armed reconnaissance in area bounded by Cologne, south to Lina (P-6819) and from the Rhine River, east to a depth of 20 miles. The principle targets being road and rail movements. 12 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs. 31 A/C took off from A-69 at 1440 and arrived over reconnaissance area at 1533. 12 A/C released 24 bombs on M/Y at Olpe G-0870 and also on possibly flak guns in same area. 2 direct hits were made on factory on one side of M/Y. A few houses in town were also hit. 6 oil cars were seen to blow up. Results were difficult to observe due to poor visibility. Group of 31 A/C continued reconnaissance and left area at 1615, landing at A-69 at 1723. No damaged, abortive or E/A were encountered. The flak at G-0870 was light, weak and inaccurate. The weather was 7/10 at 2500 to 10000 feet. Visibility was poor - haze up to 8000 feet.
- B. : (1) 63 B-7Ds (39 - Escort and top cover and  
24 - B/Bombers - Armed Recon from Cologne, south to Lina, and from Rhine River, east to a depth of 20 miles.)
- (ii) 63 - (39 - Escorts and top cover  
(4 - B/Bombers - RR tracks and train at U-0591)  
(4 - B/Bombers - 6 barges at L-9073)  
(4 - B/Bombers - Jettisoned their bombs when jumped by enemy aircraft)  
(12 - B/Bombers - M/Y - Factory - Flak guns at Olpe (G-0870)
- (iii) NIL  
(iv) NIL  
(v) NIL  
(vi) NIL  
(vii) 1 - Damaged by enemy A/C, Cat. AC.  
(viii) 63
- C. : (1) 63 - 150 gal. American external belly tanks.  
(ii) NIL
- D. : (1) 181:15  
(ii) NIL
- E. : (1) 133560 rounds 50 cal.  
(ii) 00  
(iii) NIL
- F. : (1) 48 - 500# GP bombs (AN M103 nose, AN M101A2 tail)  
(ii) 40 - (8 - RR tracks and train - 35 cars - U-0591)  
(8 - 6 barges - River at L-9073)  
(22 - M/Y - Flak guns at Olpe - G-0870)  
(2 - Factory at M/Y at Olpe G-0870)  
(iii) 8 - When one squadron was attacked by enemy A/C.  
(iv) NIL

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C. : NIL

H. : NIL

Other Claims:

Locomotives	1-0-0	9-0-0
G/No	26-0-0	
Barges	1-0-0	

For the Commanding Officer:

*Maurice D Powell*  
 MAURICE D POWELL  
 1st Lt., Air Corps.  
 Ass't. Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS  
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 595, 1st Army,  
1 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Oprop A Report. USAF Form 34A.

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

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

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Oprop A No. 247 for 24 hours ending sunset 29 September 1944. Operations Order No. 200, Para 3, Mission Y2140, IX Tactical Air Command.

A. The 368th Fighter Group dispatched 32 B-7Ds on the first mission on 29 September 1944. The mission was to attack enemy strong points of troops and artillery pieces at K-975247, K-979249 and K-981250. All 32 A/C each carried 2x500# GP bombs (instant nose, 1/40 tail - delay fusing). 32 A/C took off from A-69 at 0726 and proceeded on mission as briefed, and arrived over target area at 0810. 12 A/C dropped 24x500# GP bombs on concrete building (K-979249) which was marked with red smoke by our Ground Forces. Building was completely demolished. 12 A/C released 24x500# GP bombs on smoke-marked target at K-981250. Results were excellent. 8 A/C released 16x500# GP bombs on smoke-marked target at K-975247. Results were obscured by smoke but Ground Forces said "excellent". Flights, upon request, orbited over the advance of the Ground Forces for a short period. Group then left the target area at 0855, arriving at A-69 at 0955. No E/A were encountered. The flak at K-97729, K-9222, K-9323 and K-9774 was light, moderate and inaccurate. The weather over target area was 10/10, very thin alto-cumulus with base at 11000 feet. Visibility was excellent.

- B. (1) 32 B-7Ds (D/Bombers) - Attack enemy strong points of troops and Artillery pieces at K-975247, K-979249 and K-981250
  - (11) 32 - (12 - Concrete Building at K-979249)  
(12 - Target at K-981250)  
(8 - Target at K-975247)
- All targets were marked by red smoke.

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- B. : (iii) NIL  
(iv) NIL  
(v) NIL  
(vi) NIL  
(vii) NIL  
(viii) 32
- C. : (i) 32-150 gal. American external belly tanks.  
(ii) NIL
- D. : (i) 81:00  
(ii) NIL
- E. : (i) 67840 rounds 50 cal.  
(ii) 320  
(iii) NIL
- F. : (i) 64 - 500 # GP bombs (AN M103 nose, AN M104M2 tail)  
(ii) 64 - Concrete Building at K-979249)  
          (24 - Target at K-981250)  
          (16 - Target at K-975247)  
(iii) NIL  
(iv) NIL
- G. : NIL
- H. : NIL

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Operations Order No 200, Par 4, Mission Y-21-3, 1st Tactical Air Command

- A. : The 368th Fighter Group dispatched 32 F47Ds on the second mission on 29 September 1944. The purpose of the mission was to attack the following targets in the VIII Corps Area.
  1. AA & Artillery batteries at F-060243 & F-060244.
  2. Enemy concentrations and traffic of troops and supplies at K-985241, crossroads in village of Sinnerath.
  3. Enemy CP in building on edge of woods at F-003218.
  4. Enemy artillery battery in draw in woods at F-003218.

32 A/C each carrying 2 x 500 GP bombs took off from A69 at 1311 and proceeded on mission as briefed. Group arrived over target area at 1340. 12 A/C released 24 x 500 GP bombs on enemy CP at F-003218 and enemy artillery battery at F-003218. Ground Forces said good results. 12 A/C released 24 x 500 GP bombs on AA and artillery batteries at F-060243 and F-060244. Ground Forces said good job. 8 A/C released 16 x 500 GP bombs on target at F-004246 (2 batteries) and gun emplacements at K-986245. Results were good. One squadron of 8 A/C strafed AA guns at F-004246 and F-003218. Both positions stopped firing after strafing had been made. Group then left target area at 1440, arriving at A69 at 1545. No E/A were encountered. The flak at F-0526, 0419, K-9618 was light, moderate and accurate. The weather over target was 3/10 stratus, 4 to 4500 foot base with good visibility.

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- B. : (1) 32 B7Bs (d-bombers) attacked targets designated in VII Corps area.  
 (11) 32: (12 D/B-enemy CP at F-003287 and enemy artillery battery at F-003218).  
 (12 D/B-AA & Artillery batteries at F-003243 & F-003244).  
 (8 D/B-22 gun batteries - F-004246, gun emplacements at F-986245).  
 (111) Nil  
 (iv) Nil  
 (v) Nil  
 (vi) Nil  
 (vii) Nil  
 (viii) 32.
- C. : (1) 32 - 150 gal American external belly tanks.  
 (ii) 3.
- D. : (1) 01:30  
 (ii) Nil
- E. : (1) 67840 rounds .50 cal.  
 (ii) 1448.  
 (iii) Nil.
- F. : (1) 64: 5000 GP Bombs (AN M103 nose, AN M101A2 tail)  
 (ii) 63: (24 - Enemy CP at F-003287 and enemy artillery battery at F-003218).  
 (23 - AA & Artillery batteries at F-003243 & F-003244).  
 (16 - 2 Gun batteries at F-004246 and gun emplacements at F-986245).  
 (111) Nil.  
 (iv) Nil. (1 - 5000 GP bomb fell off at take off.)
- G. : Nil.
- H. : Nil.

For the Commanding Officer,

*Maurice D. Powell*

MAURICE D. POWELL  
 1st Lt., Air Corps,  
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HEADQUARTERS  
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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AGO 595, US ARMY  
5 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Group A Report. USAF Form 34.

- TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, Attention 36th Statistical Control Unit.
- Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, Attention Statistical Control Section.
- Commanding General, 70th Fighter Wing, Attention Statistical Control Section.

FROM : 368th Fighter Group, Statistical Officer.

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Group A No. 214 for 24 hours ending sunset 30 September 1944.  
Operations Order No. 201 Para 4, Mission Y21-3, IX Tactical Air Command.

This Group did not execute any missions under Operations Order No. 201 due to bad flying weather. A weather reconnaissance was ordered by the Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command.

- A. : Two P-47Ds of the 397th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group took off from A-69 at 1447, 30 September 1944 to perform a weather reconnaissance. 2 P-47s arrived over Liege at 1520 and returned, landing at A-69 at 1535. No damaged, abortive or R/A were encountered. The weather from base to Liege was 6/10 from 2000 - 4000 feet - 10/10 from 7000 - 8000 feet with good visibility. At Liege, the weather was 10/10 at 5000 feet with rain showers, in some places clouds went down to 500 feet - visibility was less than one mile.
- B. : (1) 2 P-47Ds (Weather Reconnaissance to Liege)  
          (ii) 2 - Completed Mission.  
          (iii) NIL  
          (iv) NIL  
          (v) NIL  
          (vi) NIL  
          (vii) NIL  
          (viii) 2
- C. : (1) 2 - 150 gal. American external belly tanks.  
          (ii) NIL

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- D. : (1) 2:30  
(11) NIL
- E. : (1) 4240 rounds 50 cal.  
(11) NIL  
(111) NIL
- F. : NIL
- G. : NIL
- H. : NIL

For the Commanding Officer:

*Paul H. Powell*  
MARION D POWELL  
1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Asst. Adjutant.

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