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MISSION REPORT

OPS FLASH NO. 1, 1 September 1944

- A. Y 21-2 Armed Cover Third Armored Division
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron
12 P-47's dispatched, Nil abottive
- C. Time Up: 0707 TOT: 0805 Time Down: 0931
- D. Nil
- E. 2 x 1 x 500 G.P. Inst 1/40 tail bombs loaded. All bombs
in target area. 2 tanks at O-1244. Damaged and later
destroyed by strafing.
STRAFING:
5 M/4's, 2 Armored vehicles at O-0864. 2 tanks destroyed and
1 damaged at O-1244. All by squadron.
- F. (1) Nil
(2) O-1244 - Light, Intense, Accurate.
- G. Enemy using smoke screen at O-1244 to cover tanks, but winds
hampered effective use. Scattered enemy units retreating
north of Marle.
- H. 7/10 cumulus base 6500 feet 8-10 miles visibility.

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OPS FLASH NO. 2, 1 September 1944

- A. Y 21-2, Armed Cover for Third Armored Division.
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron
12 P-47's dispatched Nil abortive. Nil
- C. Time Up; 1308 TOT: 1400 Time Down: 1531
- D. 2 P-47's Cat "A", light and Heavy AA.
- E. 3x1x 50 G.P. Inst 1/40 tail bombs loaded. All bombs on targets
Nil jettisoned Nil brought back to base.
O-2553 Captain Mazur destroyed 3 M/T's Captain Staton Destroyed
2 M/T's

Strafing:

Lt Kik destroyed 6 M/T's damaged 2, Lt Williams Destroyed
3 M/T's, 1 jeep. Lt Wayland destroyed 3 M/T's 1 A/V. Captain
Mumaw Destroyed 1 M/T damaged 1, Lt Westing destroyed 3 M/T's
Lt Harls destroyed 1 staff car. Lt DeLoup destroyed 2 M/T's
Lt Aldridge destroyed 1 tank, 2 M/T's. Lt Caldwell destroyed
3 M/T's, 2 jeeps. Black Flight Destroyed 5 M/T's. All attacks
between O-2545 and -2873.

- F. (1) Nil
(2) O-9430 Light - Heavy - Moderate - Accurate.
O-2553- Light - weak - Accurate.
- G. Germans retreating North from O-2545. Many targets of
opportunity .
- H. 7/10 cumulus 4 - 6000 feet visibility 8 miles, haze building up.

SUMMARY:	DESTROYED	DAMAGED
BOMBING:		
M/T's	5	

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STRAFINING:		
M/T's	28	3
Tanks	1	
Jeeps	3	1
A/V's	1	
Staff cars	1	

TOTAL	39	4
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OPS FLASH NO. 3, 1 September 1944

- A. O.O. 166, Par 9, 2 plane escort to 4 P-47's from 395th Fighter Squadron dropping leaflets
- B. 368th Lighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron
2 P-47's dispatched Nil abortive Nil
- C. Time Up: 1510 TOT: 1610 Time Down: 1730
- D. Nil
- E. Escort
- F. (1) Nil
(2) Dijon, Light weak, inaccurate.
- G. A controller by the name of Beagle is located at Commercy.
A Convoy of enemy vehicles 25 plus were heading south on the road at 1645 from an altitude 3500 feet.
- H. 3 Layers of clouds 1st layer 300 - 3500 9/10 cumulus 2nd layer 6000-8500 10/10 cumulus. 3rd layer high cirrus at 18,000 feet.

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OPS FLASH NO. 4, 1 September 1944

- A. Y 21-2, Armed Cover third Armored Division
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron
12 P-47's dispatched, Nil abortive
- C. Time Up: 1835 TOT: 1815 Time down: 2104
- D. Nil
- E. 8x1x500 G.P. Inst 1/40 tail bombs loaded. All bombs in target area, Farmhouse buildings containing many enemy M/T's at)-2462 1 Tank damaged, 6 M/T's destroyed.

STRAFING:

)-1890 Lt Garry and Lt Elliott destroyed 1 M/T, CAPT Bowling destroyed 1 M/T, Major Sparks destroyed 4 M/T's damaged 4 Lt Early des 4 M/T's damaged 4.

- F. (1) Nil
(2) 0-2065, Light, Intense, Accurate.
- G. Captain Bowlin made a forced landing, short of gas, between Versailles and Paris. Enemy retreating northwest from La Capelle (0-2560) into the Forest du Nouvain. Our Armored units entering La Capelle, against effective resistance.
- H. CAVU

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OPS FLASH NO. 1, 3 September 1944

A. Y 21-2, Armed Cover for 3rd Armored Division

B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron
12 P-47's dispatched Nil abortive Nil

C. Time Up: 1138 TOT: 1245 Time Down: 1420

D. Nil

E. 3x500 G.P. Inst 1/40 tail bombs loaded. Two bombs in target area. Nil jettisoned Nil brought back to base.

At J-3003 one bomb was dropped accounting for 15 M/T's and at least 30 personnel. At J-3101 two cars were strafed and destroyed accounting for 10 more personnel. At J-3505 at least 85 personnel and 5 vehicles destroyed. At O-3493 2 M/T's, 1 staff car and 5 more personnel destroyed. TALLY: 30 vehicles and at least 125 personnel destroyed.

F. (1) Nil
(2) Small arms and light flek in target area.

G. Instand located at J-3718. No controllers could be contacted at any time. The pilots report that the Americans have captured hundreds of vehicles in the target area evidenced by American panels and that apparently they have bypassed and cut off many of the enemy who have not as yet been mopped up.

H. 8/10 cumulus 3000 - 6000 feet 10 plus miles visibility.

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OPS FLASH NO. 2, 3 September 1944

- A. Y 21-2, Armed Cover for third Armored Division
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron
11 P-47's dispatched. 2 Abortive, Low fuel pressure, 1 as
escort.
- C. Time Up: 1704 TOT: 1905 Time Down: 2013
- D. Nil
- E. 2x500 G.P. Inst 1/40 tail bombs loaded. Both bombs in
target area (J-3432 overshoot).

STRAFING:

Major Sparks destroyed 3 M/T's, Lt Miller damaged 4 M/T's
Lt Wayland destroyed L/M/T Lt Jewkes 1 M/T, Squadron destroyed
4 M/T's and damaged 2 tanks.

- F. (1) Nil
- (2) J-k847, Heavy, weak, inaccurate.
- G. Radio announcement to the effect that we were not to fire at
any vehicles in the vicinity of MONS. Our troops seen entering
BRBSSELS from direction of Nin J-4005 heading east at 1920
- H. Nil.

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OPS FLASH NO. 1 6 September 1944.

- A. W 51-2 Top cover Group Mission Armed Recy Third Armored Div.
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron
12 P-47's dispatched, Nil abortive Nil
- C. Time Up: 0745 TOT: 0845 Time Down 1125
- D. 1 P-47, Cat "A", Heavy AA.
- E. Nil TOP COVER
- F. 070 071 W - 490 581 W - Heavy, Weak, Inaccurate
- G. Our Units seen at St. Avold at 0900 hours. Identified by Yellow panels.
- H. 9 - 10/10 over target area cumulus at 5500 feet.

SUMMARY:

Bad visibility hindered efforts of pilots to make good observations. Mission was acting as top cover for the other two squadrons, but was unable to note effects of bombing due to heavy cloud cover over the target area.

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OPS FLASH NO. 1, 8 September 1944.

- A. X 51-3, Armed Recy for 29th Infantry.
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron
10 P-47's dispatched. Nil abortive Nil
- C. Time Up: 0807 TOT: 0935 Time Down: 1138
- D. Nil
- E. 10x2x500 G.P. Inst 1/40 tail bombs loaded. All bombs
dropped in target area at V-7590 strong points. Nil Jettisoned.

Our Squadron worked with Default who marked the target at
V-752964. Reports indicated that directs were inflicted
and good dispersion with the others. One flight strafed
a mound which appeared to be a gun position with unobserved
results
- F. (1) Nil
(2) V-752964, Light, Weak, Inaccurate.
- G. Three artillery gun positions firing at our troops or in
that direction were seen at V-7495, V-7696. No panels
seen or any enemy activity of any kind.
- H. 5/10 cumulus 5 - 8000 feet building up 20 plus miles vis:

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OPS FLASH NO. 1, 8 September 1944

- A. X-51-3 Dive Bombing a Three gun AA position at Prost
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron,
12 P-47's dispatched Nil abortive
- C. Time Up: 1054 TOT: Time Down: 1204
- D. Nil
- E. 12x2x500 G.P. Inst 1/40 tail bombs loaded. 12x2x500 bombs
jettisoned in Forest Northwest of Alencon.
- F. Nil
- G. Captain Mynow decided in view of the weather that he could
not lead his squadron to the target and complete a successful
mission therefore he ordered the jettison of the bombs and return
to the base.
- H. Overcast 10/10 from the deck to at least 3000 feet.

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OPS FLASH NO. 2, 8 September 1947

- A. X 51-3, Armed Recon for 29th Infantry.
- B. 340th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron
12 P-47's dispatched Nil observe Nil
- C. Time Up: 1228 TOT: 1400 Time Down, 1602
- D. Nil
- E. 12x2x500 G.P. Inst 1/10 Tail bombs loaded. 16 bombs on
target at 0-918018 8 on target at 0-922010

Default marked 0 918010 a fact and reports indicate that
bombing results were excellent. One flight dropped its bombs
on 0-922010 which was also a fact occurring good hits.

- F. (1) Nil
(2) Some light AA north of area, but this could not be
sighted.
- G. Nil
- H. 8/10 cumulus over target with base at 2700, tops estimated
to be in the region of 4500 feet. Heavy showers and clouds
building up. 10 plus miles visibility/

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CPS FLASH NO. 1, 8 September 1977

- A. X 51-3, Armed Recon for 29th Infantry.
- B. 249th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron,
10 - 1/7's ditched. Nil abortive Nil.
- C. Time Up: 0807 TBT 0935 Time down: 1138
- D. Nil
- E. 10x2x500 G.P. Inst 1/10 tail bombs loaded. All bombs
dropped in target area at V-7596 Stone Point. Nil battisored.

Our Squadron worked with Default who marked the target at
V-752964. Reports indicated that direct hits were inflicted
and good dispersion with the others. One Flight struck
a mound which appeared to be a gun position, no results
observed.
- F. (1) Nil
(2) V-752964 - Light - "ack" - Inaccurate.
- G. Three Artillery gun positions firing at our troops or in
that direction were seen at V-7795, V-7595, V-7696. No
panels seen or any enemy activity of any kind.
- H. 5/10 cumulus 5 - 8000 feet building up 20 miles visibility.

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OPS FLASH NO. B, 8 September 1944

- A. X 51-3, Armed Recon in support of 29th Infantry.
- B. 268th Fighter Group, 295th Fighter Squadron
11 P-47's dispatched, 1 aborted because of generator trouble.
- C. Time Up: 1703 TOT: 1835 Time Down 2038
- D. Nil
- E. 11x2x500 P. Inst 1/10 tail bombs loaded. 10x2x500 dropped on target; 1x2x500 brought back to base.

Default marked V-783976 which was a strong point and gun position. The bombing results on this position were excellent and further three strafing attacks were made upon it. Two gun positions were destroyed at V-725975; One gun position destroyed at V-709982.

- F. (1) Nil
(2) Light AA in and about target area and at the position listed as destroyed.
- G. The city of Brest gave evidence of having suffered dive bombing attacks. Our own trucks were seen at a position near V-775965.
- H. Heavy rain storms had to be dodged. Over target area 5/10 cu plus 4000-7000 feet 20 plus miles visibility.

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OPS FLASH NO. 1, 9 September 1944

- A. V 21-2, Armed Recon, 3rd Armored Division.
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron
12 P-47's, dispatched. Nil abortive.
- C. Time Up: 0907 ToT: 1030 Time Down: 1311
- D. 1 P-47's CAT "AC" belly landing by Captain Staten due to oil pressure and possible damage from light AA. He belly landed at 1215 at a strip north of Chaleroi, was seen to emerge from his cockpit unharmed and waved. It appears that American soldiers were on this strip at the time.
2 P-37's Cat "A" Light AA other than the one above.
- E. 4x500 G.P. Inst 1/40 tail loaded. All bombs in target area. Nil jettisoned. Nil returned.
4 bombs were dropped at K-7523 which appeared to be two guns and 2 88mm gun positions. Reports indicate near hits possible destruction of the guns. By Striking: 2 M/T's at K-7519, 2 M/T's 3 Armored cars, 2 staff cars 1 Duck car at K-7721
2 M/T's destroyed at K-7523.
FINAL TALLY: 19 Vehicles destroyed.
- F. (1) Nil
(2) K-6510. Light, Intense, Accurate. K-7721 Light, intense, accurate. K-7523 - Light, Intense, Accurate.
- G. Barrage balloons were seen on the ground at K-7523 about 12 in number.
15 M/T's were seen standing at K-7725 at about 1130 from 2000 feet well camouflaged. Pilots report that many more lakes are seen in the area covered than detailed on the 1/250:00 map. Cerise panels were seen south of Chaleroi.
Poodle and Bronco were contacted.
- H. 8/10 cumulus 2000 - 7000 feet 10 plus miles visibility above clouds, haze below.

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OPS FLASH NO. 2, 9 September 1944

- A. X 21-2 Armed recon, 3rd Armored Division.
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron
12 P-47's dispatched Nil abortive
- C. Time Up: 1513 TOT: 1730 Time Down: 1845
- D. Nil
- E. 3x500 G.P. Inst 1/40 tail bombs loaded. All bombs in target area. Nil Jettisoned. Nil brought back to base.
- 4 bombs dropped on K-5916 knocking out of action about 5 tanks. This same area was strafed and reports indicate that at least 10 more tanks damaged. Half-track destroyed and 2 damaged at K-5415. 16 M/T's destroyed at P-4591. In the process of eliminating these M/T's which consisted of Ammo Trucks, half-tracks and other vehicles a small village at this point suffered severe damage. At K-7209 a staff car destroyed. At K-6316 an Armored car was destroyed. Lt Kik had his usual good day.
- FINAL TALLY: 5 tanks destroyed, 10 damaged, 19 Vehicles destroyed and 2 damaged and a small village partially destroyed.
- F. Nil
- G. The woods in and about that is in all directions of this coordinate K-5817 seemed alive with enemy vehicles of various descriptions. The controllers were aware of this fact. Bronco # 1 was located at K-5616.
- H. 5/10 cumulus 4500- 10 miles visibility. Weather extremely variable rain showers etc.,

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OPS FLASH NO. 2, 10 September 1944

- A. Y 21-2, Armed Reccy, 3rd Armored Division.
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron
12 P-47's dispatched, Nil abortive Nil.
- C. Time Up: 1306 TOT: 1406 Time Down: 1625
- D. 1 P-47 Cat Unknown landed at Laon)-0818 Lt Gianetti pilot
1 P-47 Cat "A" Light A".
- E. 4x500 G.P. Inst 1.40 tail bombs loaded. All bombs in target area.
Nil Jettisoned. Nil brought back to base.

4 bombs dropped about a miles east of Linburgh K-7524 on a gun position and from the violent explosion and demolition of bomb it would appear that this gun position was knocked out.

BY STRAFING?

K-7221 1 tank destroyed. K-8816 8 M/T's destroyed. K-8214 10 M/T's destroyed. K-7827 2 M/T's destroyed and 1 Staffacar. K-7628 Armored vehicle destroyed. K-7823 1 M/T and about 25 personnel and what appeared to be a Headquarters building destroyed from a strafing attack which resulted in fire and explosions.

FINAL TALLY:

1 Tank, 28 Vehicles, several gun positions, 25 personnel and a Headquarters building destroyed.

- F. (1) Nil
(2) K-7333 area in and about this point - Light - Intense - Accurate. K-7818 - Light - Weak - Inaccurate.
- G. Bronco Located at K-7525 and K-7224.
- H. 7/10 cumulus 3500 - 10,000 visibility 5 miles into sun
10 plus miles out

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OPS FLASH NO. 3, 10 September 1944

- A. Y 21-1, Armed Reccy, 3rd Armored Division
- B. 368th fighter Group, 395th fighter Squadron
12 P-47's dispatched, Nil abortive Nil
- D. Time Up : 0706 TOT; 0810 Time Down: 1047
- D. Nil
- E. 4x500 G.P. Inst 1/40 tail bombs loaded. All bombs in target area Nil Jettisoned Ni brought back to base
- 4 bombs dropped on K 7928 a Marshall ing Yards destroying two locomotives leaving about 25 cars burning, one of these trains was loaded with some 15 cars carrying tanks and other vehicles.
- STRAFING:
K-7828 15 Vehicles which included Jeeps, Half-tracks, M/T's, destroyed. K-7425 small tank destroyed. K 7126 a staff car and a bus destroyed. K-7232 3 vehicles destroyed.
- FINAL TALLY: 2 locomotives, 25 cars loaded with tanks and equipment. 1 small tank, 20 vehicles destroyed.
- F. (1) Nil
(2) L-7425 - Light, Intense, Inaccurate.
- G. Instand located western part of Verviers K-6823. Red Panels seen at K-7224 and K-7228. 4 ballons seen at 2000 feet at K-8525. 10 ballons seen over Aachen no information as to altitude.
- H. CAVU over target.

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- A. Y 21-2, Armed Reccom 3rd Armored Division.
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron.
12 P-47's dispatched, Nil abortive.
- C. Time Up: 1735 TOT: 1840 Time Down: 2041
- D. Nil
- E. 4x500 G.P. Inst i/40 tail bombs loaded. All bombs in target area. Nil jettisoned. Nil brought back to base.

2 bombs dropped on "archalling Yards at F-1725 with near misses as result. 2 bombs dropped on "arge truck with Gasoline trailer attached resulting with a direct hit and the destruction of the M/T and trailer at K-9709
At F-k725 2 locomotives plus 40 cars were strafed destroying the 2 locomotives and damaging several cars.
- F. Nil
- G. Bronco located at Lindenburge K-7425.
- H. Scattered clouds at 4500 slight haze visibility 10 plus miles.

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OBS FLASH NO. 1, 11 September 1944

- A. Y 21-2, Armed Cover 3rd Armored Division.
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron
- C. Time Up: 1705 TOT: 1830 Time Down: 2005
- D. Nil
- E. 2x500 M/P. Inst 1/40 trail bombs loaded. 2 bombs at K-6935 damaging 2 tanks, 2 others bombs went wide.

STRAFING:

Major Sparks destroyed 1 tank. Lt Caldwell 3 M/T's, 1 tank at K-6935. Lt Hayes destroyed 2 M/T's Captain ~~xxxx~~ Lt Bowlin and Lt Vieck 1 locomotive at K-8362, Lt Smith destroyed 1 M/T at K-6740 Lt Garry destroyed 3 M/T's at K-6740.
FINAL TALLY: 2 tanks, 1 locomotive and 9 M/T's destroyed.

- F. (1) Nil
- (2) K-6939 - Light - Moderate Inaccurate.
- G. Nil
- H. Nil

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OPS FLASH NO. 1, 11 September 1944

- A. Y 21-2, Armed Reccy, 3rd Armored Division.
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron
12 P-47's dispatched Nil abortive
- C. Time Up: 1117 TOT: 1230 Time Down: 1507
- D. Nil
- E. 4x500 G.P. Inst 1/40 tail bombs loaded. All bombs in target area. Nil jettisoned Nil brought back to base.

K - 7329 all bombs were dropped at this point on several tanks and a staff car destroying the staff car and damaging the tanks.

STRAFING:

K-8328 staff car destroyed. K-5629 Ammo carrier destroyed K-7298 3 M/T's and 1 half-track destroyed. K-7926 4 M/T's destroyed K-7524 half-track, 1 tank with gas supply destroyed. K-7634 Staff car destroyed. K-7532 half-track destroyed. K-7331 2 M/T's destroyed. K-7928 1 M/T destroyed K-8333 1 M/T's destroyed. K-7330 1 half-track Personnel carrier and 25 personnel destroyed K-8137 M/T destroyed. K-7525 small tank destroyed. K-7528 staff car destroyed.

FINAL TALLY: 14 M/T's destroyed, 4 half-tracks, 3 staff cars 2 tanks and 1 personnel carrier destroyed, 2 tanks damaged.

- F. (1) Nil
(2) K-7837 - Heavy - weak - inaccurate. K-7435 - Light, Meager - inaccurate. K-7349 - Light - weak - inaccurate.
- G. Our troops seen at K-7826 (Eupen)
- H. 3/10 cumulus clouds 4000 slight haze Visibility 15 Plus miles.

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OPS FLASH NO. 2 , 12 September 1944.

- A. Y 21-2, Armed Reccy, 3rd Armored Division.
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron.
12 P-47's dispatched, Nil abortive
- C. Time Up: 1510 Time Over Target: 1600 Time Down: 1750
- D. Nil
- E. 3x1x500 G.P. Inst 1/40 tail bombs loaded. 2 bombs on enemy barracks at F-2809 some damage resulting. 1 bomb on Tank trap at K-8636 estimated 6 metal obstacles destroyed.

STRAFING:

Lt Lavey destroyed 1 M/T K-8035 and shared a damaged M/T with Lt Vieck. Lt Aldridge destroyed 1 M/T at K-8336 and shared a destroyed M/T with Lt Kleinklaus.

TOTAL: 3 M/T's destroyed, 1 Damaged.

- F. (1) Nil
(2) K-8443 - Heavy - Moderate - Accurate.
K-7835 - Heavy - Weak - Accurate.
- G. Poodle # 2 now located at K-8634. Friendly Armored Column seen at F-0325.

SUMMARY:

The Squadron spent most of the time searching for enemy gun and targets of opportunity, but were largely unsuccessful in finding anything due to bad visibility. Much time was spent in flying at tree top level immediately above the famous Sigfried Line.

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MISSION REPORT

OPS FLASH NO. 1, 15 September 1944

- A. O.O. No. 1. Armed Cover 30th Infantry Division .
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron
8 P-47s dispatched; Nil abortive
- C. Time Up: 0700 TOT: Time Down: 0730
- D. Nil
- E. 1 x 2 x 500 G.P. Inst 1/40 tail bombs loaded brought back to base.
- F. Nil
- G. Nil
- H. 10/10 stratus 800 feet base 1 Mile visibility.

SUMMARY:

The mission ran into bad weather when only 50 miles from the home field. Captain Garble attempted to reach the target area by going underneath the solid overcast, but was forced to turn back when he found the cover was nearly on the deck.

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OPR CLASS NO. 2, 15 September 1944

A. O.O. A V 21-1, Armed Recon 2nd Airborne Division

B. 248th Fighter Group, 205th Fighter Squadron
3 P-47s detached Nil observed

C. Time Up: 1600; 500; 1710 Time Down: 1822

D. 1 P-47 Out 111 Light AA.

E. 1500-50 G.P. Fuel 1/10 Fuel tanks loaded. 3 tanks observed at K-66666. 1 tank observed on road at K-66666 with no results observed. 1 tank observed at K-66666 destroyed 2 tanks and 1 staff car.

F. (1) Nil

- (2) K-6666 - Light & Heavy - Intense - Recon to
- K-6666 - Light & Heavy - Intense - Recon to
- K-6666 - Light & Heavy - Intense - Recon to

G. Fight in area 1 mile from road near K-6666. 1 aircraft seen flying in on both sides of the road. No results contacted and informed the pilot that no targets were available, so targets of opportunity were selected. Many of the flight suit tanks over the area at Westport.

H. 10/10 sunless 4000 - 6000 3 miles visibility.

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MISSION REPORT

OPS FLASH NO. 1, 17 September 1944

- A/ O.O. No Y 21-5, Armed Reccy for 4th Armored and 30th Infantry Divisions
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron
9 P-47's dispatched, Nil abortive
- C. Time Up: 0830 Time Down: 1140 TOT: 1030
- D. 1 P-47 Cat "A" Lt Staton Heavy AA.
1 Heinkel 111-K damaged by Lt Diman at 0930 hours at F-8718
Attacked at deck level obtained many strikes on tail section of E/A.
- E. 8 x 2x500 G.P. Inst 1/40 tail bombs loaded. 4 Bombs in M/Y at G-1763 cut choke point at 2 places. 8 bombs in M/Y at G-1953 results obscured by smoke caused by accompanying explosions among Goods wagons.
4 bombs jettisoned at F-8718.
- STRAFING:
Lt Caldwell destroyed 3 G/W's at G-1763, Captain Staton destroyed 5 M/T's at F-8464
- F. (1) Nil
(2) F-4560, Light, Heavy, Intense, accurate
- G. Nil
- H. Nil

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MISSION REPORT

OPS FLASH NO. 2, 17 September 1944

- A. Y 21-5, Armed Reccy for 4th Armored , 30th Infantry, Top Cover for Group.
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron
8 P-47's dispatched. Nil abortive
- C. Time Up: 1331 TOT: 1411 Time Down: 1531
- D. Nil
- E. Nil
- F. Nil
- G. Our pilots flew top cover on this particular mission. Although they knew that the other two squadrons were bombing and strafing they could not give accurate or definite information as to where this took place. They were flying on instruments throughout most of this mission consequently did not make any observations.
One pilot reports that he thought a large Artillery battle was going on in the area where Fielfair is located but he could not be definite.
- H. Solid overcast from 3500 to 11,000 feet, rain, thunder storms, over target area.

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MISSION REPORT

OPS FLASH NO. 2 20 September 1944

- A. Y 21-7 Armed Recy Clobenz, Cologne area.
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron
8 P-47's dispatched, Nil abortive
- C. Time Up: 1635 TOT: 1725 Time Down: 1902
- D. Nil
- E. 4x2x500 G.P. Inst 1/40 tail bombs loaded, all bombs in target area. 6 M/T's on a road at L-4383 2 M/T's destroyed by Lt Aldridge
STAFF G:
1 M/T damaged by Lt Aldridge 1 A/V damaged by Maj. Sparks.
- F. 1 Me 210 (L-5060) 5,000 feet 1805 hours seen to be attacked and damaged by Tropic Squadron.
L-3275 - Heavy, Moderate, Accurate.
- G. Nil
- H. 8/10 Stratus cumulus 2500-7000 visibility 2 miles.

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MISSION REPORT

OPS FLASH NO. 1, 20 September 1944.

- A. Y 21-4, Divebombing Strong Points North of Aachen.
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron.
11 P-47's dispatched. Nil abortive.
- C. Time Up: 1156 TOT: 1240 Time Down: 1439
- D. Nil
- E. 11x2x500 G.P. Inst 1/40 tail bombs loaded. All bombs brought back to base because of weather over the target.
- F. Nil
- G. Nil
- H. 6/10 cumulus top 6,000 feet Visibility 1/5 mile.

SUMMARY:

Squadron was unable to get down through the overcast above the target, returned to base.

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MISSION REPORT

OPS FLASH NO. 2, 20 September 1944

- A. Y 21-7, Arned Reccy, Coblenz - Cologne area.
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron.
8 P-47's, dispatched. Nil abortive.
- C. Time Up: 1635 TOT: 1725 Time Down: 1902
- D. Nil
- E. 4x2x500 G.P. Inst 1/40 Tail bombs loaded. All bombs in target area. 6 M/T's on a road L-4383 2 M/T's destroyed by Lt Aldridge.
STRAFING: 1 M/T damaged by Lt Aldridge 1 A/V damaged by Major Sparks.
- F. 1 Me 210 L-5060 5,000 feet 1805 hours seen to be attacked and damaged by Tropic Squadron.
- G. Nil
- H. 8/10 Strata cumulus 2500-7000 Visibility 2 miles.

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MISSION REPORT

OPS FLASH NO. 1, 21 September 1944.

- A. Y 21-3, Armed Cover, VII Corps
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron
8 -47's dispatched. Nil abortive.
- C. Time Up: 1030 TOT: 1108 Time Down: 1240
- D. Nil
- E. 4x2x500 G.P. Inst 1/40 Tail bombs loaded. All bombs in target area, the town of Guirzemich, (K-9843). The target was lighted with red smoke and the pilots report that their bombs were all placed within the limits of the small village.

STRAFING: Captain Tandifer and Lt Stover destroyed 2 locomotives at F-0347.

- B. (1) Nil
(2) K-9843: Light - Intense - inaccurate.
- B. Nil
- H. 4/10 cumulus 2500 to 5500 visibility 2 miles below and 12 miles above the cover.

SUMMARY:

Mission contacted Ballad and attacked the target requested. Armed Recce was conducted over Germany in the Coblenz sector. No targets other than the locomotives were observed.

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MISSION REPORT

OPS BLASE NO. 2, 21 September 1944.

- A. Y 21-3, Armed Cover VII Corps.
- B. 369th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron
8 P-47's dispatched. Nil abortive
- C. Time Up: 1421 TOT: 1555 Time Down: 1724
- D. Nil
- E. 4x2x500 G.P. Inst 1/40 tail bombs loaded. All bombs in target area at K-9724. 2 bombs destroyed a tank block, 2 bombs cut tank barrier.
- F. (1) Nil
(4) AACHEN: Heavy - Weak - Inaccurate.
K-9626: Light - Intense - Accurate.
- G. Our troops seen at K-9626 and approximately 5 miles east of Aachen.
- H. 5/10 cumulus 4 - 7000 feet 2-3 miles visibility, haze building up.

SUMMARY:

The mission was requested to bomb the tank block in support of the Ground Forces. Attack successful. Armed Recon revealed no visible movement of enemy troops.

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MISSION REPORT

OPS FLASH NO. 2, 21 September 1944

- A. Y 21-6, Fighter Sweep, AACHEN, DUSSELDORF, BONN area.
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron
8 P-47's dispatched. Nil abortive.
- C. Time Up: 1512 TOT: 1600 Time Down: 1800
- D. Nil
- E. Nil
- F. Nil
- G. Nil
- H. 5/10 cumulus 6,000 to 17,000 feet Visibility 2 - 3 miles.

SUMMARY:

Mission was uneventful in that nothing was sighted other than friendly A/C. Sweepstaks asked the Group to look over a road for them, but nothing was observed.

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MISSION REPORT

OPS FLASH NO. 1, 22 September 1944

- A. Y 21-5, Eight (8) RR lines to be cut in Cologne-Coblenz-sector. Between Rhine River and Siegfried Line.
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron
8 P-47's dispatched. Nil abortive
- C. Time Up: 0911 TOT: 0955 Time Down: 1215
- D. 1 P-47 Cat "AC", Lnded safely at Villy (P-1914)
- E. 8x2x500 G.P. 8-11 sec delay bombs loaded. 2 bombs cut RR at point approximately L-6692. Remaining bombs in M/Y at L-6493 obtained good explosions and 2 bombs seen to strike Round House with good effect
- F. (1) Nil
(2) Flak was encountered at all of the assigned targets, with the Heavy stuff generally Weak-Moderate-Accurate. The Light ws generally Moderate-Intense-Accurate.
- G. No observations were obtainable because of prohibitive weather conditions.
- H. 3/10 to 10/10 from North to south Stratus deck to 4000 feet. Visibility 3 - 4 miles Base building up.

SUMMARY:

Major Sparks led the Group Mission of attacking 8 different RR lines. Reports indicate that 6 of the assigned targets were attack successfully. The other two escaped destruction because of low cloud cover.

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MISSION REPORT

OPS FLASH NO. 1, 27 September 1944

- A. Y 21-4, Armed Reccy, Dusseldorf- Cologne area.
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron.
12 P-47's dispatched. ~~ix~~ abortive, 1 P-47 engine trouble
1 P-47 acting as escort.
- C. Time Up: 0905 TOT: 1020 Time Down: 1131
- D. Nil
- E. 4x2x500 G.P. Inst 1/40 tail bombs loaded. All bombs dropped
through break in clouds on crossroads thought to be t F-3878 NRO
- F. (1) Nil
(2) Heavy flak was seen extending along the Rhine river at
altitudes up to 17,000 feet.
- G. Nil, except for many our our heavies seen shuttling over
the Rhine Sector.
- H. 9/10 Stratus cumulus 3500-7500 feet. Unlimited visibility.

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MISSION REPORT

OPS FLASH NO. 1, 28 September 1944

- A. Y 21-4, Armed Reccy, Cologne Lin Area.
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron
12 P-47's dispatched. Nil abortive.
- C. Time UP; 0901 TOT: 0955 Time Down: 1215
- D. 1 P-47's Cat "A", Enemy A.
- E. 8x500 Gp. inst 1/40 tail bombs loaded. All bombs jettisoned east of river after one flight was bounced by enemy aircraft. One locomotive destroyed by strafing by Lt Kik at F-3628.
- F. (1) 4 FW 190's 21900Z 1005
(2) Coblenz, Heavy, Weak, Inaccurate.
- G. Barges concentrated on Rhine river from Bonn to Coblenz. Smoke pots are being put up to cover this activity. Lt Kik noted that many trains were seen in operations east of the Rhine river. Enemy using self-destructing ammunition.
- H. Strato cumulus at 8500 feet 5/10, to 8500 no reports as to bottom. Visibility Good.

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MISSION REPORT

OPS FLASH NO. 2, 28 September 1944

- A. Y 21-A, Armed Reccy, East of Rhine River.
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron
12 P-47's dispatched. Nil abortive.
- C. Time UP: 1433 TOT: 1525 Time Down: 1716
- D. Nil
- E. 4x2x500 G.P. Inst 1/40 tail bombs loaded. All bombs in target area, a Marshaling Yards, at F-8042/ At least two good fires were seen and good explosions resulted.
- F. (1) Nil
(2) F-8042, Light, Weak, Inaccurate.
- G. Two trains were observed moving North and south in vicinity of Limburg. Called into controller.
- H. 5/10 Stratu, 3500-10,000 feet 1 1/2 miles visibility up sun, 10 miles visibility down sun.

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MISSION REPORT

O-8 FLASH NO 1, 29 September 1944.

- A. Y 21-2, Divebombing, K-979249.
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron.
12 P-47's dispatched. Nil abortive.
- C. Time Up: 0723 TOT: 0800 Time Down: 0955
- D. Nil
- E. 24x500 G.P. Inst 1/40 tail bombs loaded. All bombs in target area. Nil Jettisoned. Nil brought back to base

Target was marked by red smoke and pilots report that the concrete building was completely demolished. Our target was K-979249. Our pilots report that the other two targets were also well clobbered and Seascout was satisfied with the results.

- F. (1) Nil
- (2) K-9723, Light, Moderate, Inaccurate. R-0222, Light, Moderate, Inaccurate. F-0323, Light, Moderate, Inaccurate
- G. The pilots report that the area immediately east and south of the target area is well concentrated with light flak. Using the 1:1000,000 map of Bonn. On the road between K-941260 and K-949232 our panels were seen. West of this area our troops and equipment seem to be moving up.
- H. No clouds below 11,000 feet in the target area, visibility clear. Due south of target area low clouds at about 2000 feet 10/10 very thin layer.

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MISSION REPORT

OPS FLASH NO. 1,

- A. Y 21-2, Armed Cover 3rd Armored Division.
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron.
12 P-47's dispatched Nil abortive.
- C. Time Down: 0906 TOT: 0950 Time Down: 1151
- D. 1 P-47 Cat "A" Light AA.
- E. 2 x 2 x 500 G.P. Inst 1/40 tail bombs loaded. 2 bombs at K-8535 in group of houses. 2 bombs on enemy positions at K-8437.
Both bombing attacks executed in close support of Poodle # 2. Unobserved results.

STRAFING:
2 flights strafed a large concrete observation tower at K-8238 and saw the installation starting to crumble.
The Squadron strafed enemy positions between K-8332 and K-8435 with unobserved results.
Lt Kik destroyed 1 M/T at K-7937. Captain Gamble destroyed 1 tank and 1 M/T at K-8732.
- F. (1) Nil
(2) K-7841 - Heavy - Weak - Accurate. K-8834 - Light & Heavy - Moderate - Accurate.
- G. Poodle # 2 located at K-8334.
- H. Solid overcast between 4 and 7,000 feet. bad haze underneath 3/4 miles visibility.

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