

395TH FIGHTER SQUADRON
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1 August 1944

MISSION REPORT

- A. 395th Fighter Squadron, Y21-3, Mission No. 1, 8-1-44
- B. 8 P-47's, Nil, Nil
- C. Nil
- D. 8 P-47's, Area (Generally T-5224) M/T's and armored units.
1745 hours
- E. 16x500 G.P. Inst bombs loaded. 16x500 dropped on target.
Nil. Nil.
Altitude at start of dive 4,000' Angle 350 Released at 1500'
- F. Road cut at T-5224. Tank destroyed by Lt Vieck at T-5224.
1 tank destroyed by Lt Snyder at T-495215. Entire string of
bombs scored near misses on column of tanks and M/T's moving
south at T5224, causing damage to a number of tanks and M/T's
estimated at 10 to 15. Road cut at T-495215.
- G. - K. Nil
- L. 2/10 Hazy stratus light haze 15 to 20 miles visibility
- M. Time Up: 1624 Time Down: 1840
- N. Nil
- O. Nil
- P. Too much chatter from other aircraft operating on "C"
channel. Contact continually interrupted by chatter.
- Q. Enemy seen to be evacuating southward along area par-
alleling bomb line and Forest De St Sever. 1750 hours
at 5,000 feet. 50 to 75 vehicles of all types observed
in this area.
- R. General Area, T5224, Heavy, Moderate, Inaccurate.
General Area, T-5036, Light Moderate, observed from a distance
- S. 1 Truck destroyed by Lt Allen at T-4805.
- T. The mission was assigned to armed close support of our
advancing units in the Forest De St Sever area and exten-
ding generally southward. The 8 planes attacked the
convoys of M/T's, tanks, and armored cars and scored many
near misses in addition to cutting the main north-south
road in two places. 1 truck was destroyed by Lt Allen.
Lts. Vieck and Snyder each destroyed single tanks with
direct hits from their bombs. Light intense ground fire
was encountered.

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- A. 395th Fighter Squadron, Y21-3, Mission No 2. 8-1-44
- B. 8 P-47's, Nil, Nil
- C. Nil
- D. 8 P-47's, Nil, Nil
- E. 16x500 G.P. Inst bombs loaded. None dropped on target.
16x500 bombs dropped in Channel. Nil
Nil. Nil. Nil.
- F. 16 bombs were dropped in the sea.
- G. - K. Nil
- L. Over target haze up to 4000 feet visibility 15 miles
Over base haze at 400 feet.
- M. Time Up: 2012 Time Down: 2115
- N. Nil
- O. Nil
- P. Clear
- Q. Nil
- R. Nil
- S. Nil
- T. Flight recalled because the weather was closing in. All
bombs were dropped in the sea.

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- A. 395th Fighter Squadron, Y21-3, Mission No. 1, 8-2-44
- B. 8 P-47's, Nil. Nil.
- C. Nil
- D. 8 P-47's, Targets of Opportunity, (St Pois Sector) 1425 to 15000
- E. 16x500 G.P. Inst bombs loaded. 16x500 dropped on target.
Nil. Nil
Altitude at start of dive 3500' Angle 35° Released at 1000'
- F. 1 Tank destroyed by Lt Staton at T-533185, 2 tanks destroyed by Lt Kleinklaus at T-533185, 2 tanks destroyed by Lt Caldwell at T552182. 1 Tank destroyed by Lts Early & Midlam at T-530178
1 Truck destroyed by Lt Diman at T-530178.
- G. - K. Nil
- L. 2/10 Cumulus and haze 2800 to 5,000 feet Visibility 15 miles
- M. Time Up: 1400 Time Down: 1551
- N. Nil
- O. Nil
- P. Clear, but too much clutter from a 1 aircraft on "C" Channel
- Q. Friendly armored units seen nearing St Pois, enemy units seen moving generally southward between Sourdeval and Mortain.
- R. General area of attacks, Light, Meager, Inaccurate.
- S. 1 Light Tank, probably destroyed by Lt Early at T-545237, 1 Staff car destroyed by Capt Mumaw at T-5697, 1 M/T, d2 tanks damaged by Lts Staton, Kleinklaus and Caldwell at T-5407, 1 M/T destroyed by Lt Kleinklaus at T5407, 2 tanks destroyed by Lts Caldwell and Kleinklaus, 1 M/T destroyed by Lts Midalm and Early at T-5407.
- T. Pilots reports indicate excellent opportunities for dive bombing and strafing attacks and presented many claims for tanks, M/T's and light vehicles destroyed and damaged. Missions was assigned to close support of advancing friendly armored units. Little opposition was encountered from enemy ground fire. The enemy appeared to be in full retreat with most of his units withdrawing to the south and east along the main highways extending in those directions from Sourdeval and Mortain.

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- A. 395th Fighter Squadron, Y21-3, Mission No. 2, 8-2-44
- B. 8 P-47's, Nil. Nil.
- C. Nil
- D. 8 P-47's, Targets of Opportunity, 1930 to 2030
- E. 16x500 G.P. Inst Bombs loaded. 16x500 dropped on targets
Nil. Nil.
Altitude at start of dive 3000' Angle 45° Released at 1000'
- F. 4 bombs dropped per instructions of Bronco at T-503273, 2
tanks, 3 M/T's damaged.
4 bombs dropped on T-588106, 2 tanks damaged.
4 bombs dropped on T-610781 Road in woods.
4 Bombs dropped on T-601093 Germans column of 5 plus M/T's.
- G. - K. Nil
- L. Height up to 6000' visibility into sun 2 miles 4 to 6/10 stratus
at 18000'
- M. Time Up: 1918 Time Down: 2057
- N. Nil
- O. Nil
- P. Flight leader could not receive very well which made it
difficult for him to direct his flight accurately.
- Q. Germans vehicles were seen leaving the Mortain area on the
southeast main highway which runs to Barenton they were also
seen on the main highway which runs east and west just north
of Mortain. These were not in great numbers and they were
dispersed as soon as they saw that an air attack was commencing.
One of the pilots reports half-tracks and personnel carriers
are marked with red crosses.
- R. T-598082, Heavy, Moderate, Inaccurate.
- S. Strafing was done during the bomb run.
- T. One element was directed to a target by Bronco and claims 2
tanks and 3 M/T's damaged another element hit a road in the
woods with unobserved results, another element hit two tanks
with probable damage, the last element hit a German Column
of 5 M/T's, destroying 3, damaging 2.

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3 August 1944

MISSION REPORT

- A. 395th Fighter Squadron, Y21-22, Mission No. 1. 8- 3-44-
- B. 8 P-47's, Nil, Nil
- C. Nil
- D. Nil
- E. 16x500 G.P. Inst bombs loaded, Nil dropped on target. 16x500 bombs jettisoned in Channel. Nil. Nil. Nil. Nil.
- F. 16x500 G.P. Inst fuse bombs jettisoned in Channel.
- G. - K. Nil
- L. Rain Storm south of St. Lo. Height from deck to 5000'
- M. Time Up: 0725 Time Down: 0805
- N. Nil
- O. Nil
- P. Clear
- Q. Nil
- R. Nil
- S. Nil
- T. When the flight got down as far as St Lo they were running into a rainstorm. Captain Mumaw decided the weather was too poor, so he ordered the flight back. All bombs jettisoned in the channel. No observations of any kind.

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- A. 395th Fighter Squadron, Y21-3, Mission No. 1, 4 August 1944
- B. 8 P-47's, Nil. Nil.
- C. Nil.
- D. 8 P-47's, Targets of Opportunity Ger and Domfront sector, 1445
- E. 16x500 G.P. Inst bombs loaded. 16x500 dropped on target,
Nil. Nil
Dive from 3500' Angle 40o Release 1200'
- F. 6 bombs destroyed at truck at T-6912 by Col Quimby and Lts Diman
And Caldwell. 2 bombs got near misses damaging a tank at T-6812
by Lt Hayes. 4 bombs destroyed a Truck at T-6812 by Lts Huff
and Johnson. 2 bombs were dropped by Lt Gamble but failed to explo
- G. 1 p-47's, Lt Col Quimby.
- H. 2 p-47's, CAT "A", Small arms fire.
- I - K. Nil
- L. Haze 6/10 alto cumulus 3500 feet Visibility Fair.
- M. Time Up: 1353 Time Down: 1545
- N. Nil
- Ol Nil
- P. Clear
- Q. Sporadic enemy activity was noted by pilots, but was estricted
to occasional solitary vehicles. Light flak positions, locations
undertermined, shot Lt Col Quimby's plane down.
- R. Position unknown, Light, Intense, Accurate.
- S. 1 jeep destroyed by Col Quimby at T-6912, 1 tank damaged and 2 M/T's
damaged by Lt Hayes and Caldwell. k jeep destroyed by Lt Gamble
- T. The mission was assigned to armed cover for advance armored units.
Occasionh isolated enemy vehicles were attacked successfully.
Col Quimby received fire from a light gunposition and called
the flight telling them that he was going after it and for the
flight to stay up. The pilots noted tht the Colonel was receiving
strikes on his canopy and fuselage, and his engine was smoking.
He continued to fly northward for 3 or 4 minutes at about 1500
feet, until he finally crash landed in a field. The engine appeared

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to be knocked loose from the fuselage and was burning, but the rest of the plane was not fire. The Colonel had called the rest of the flight after being hit and said that he would not be able to make it back with them this time.

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5 August 1944

MISSION REPORT

- A. 395th Fighter Squadron Par. 4 O.O.# 125 5 Aug 1944, Mission # 1
- B. 8 P-47's, Nil, Nil
- C. Nil
- D. 8 P-47's, Targets of Opportunity South of Vire 0920
- E. 16x500 G.P. Inst bombs loaded. 16x500 dropped on target
Nil Jettisoned. Nil brought back to base
Dive from 5000' Release 1200' Angle 30o
- F. 1 Tank destroyed, 1 tank damaged at T-5728. 1 M/T destroyed
at T-676268, 1 jeep damaged at T-6627, 1 M/T damaged at T-690223
Hedgecove containin g many vehicles bombed with unobserved results
at T-5728
- G. Nil
- H. 1 P-47 Cat "A" Light AA.
- I - K. Nil
- L. 5/10 cumulus 600 to 6500 vis: excellent
- M. Time Up: 0812 Time Down: 1002
- N. Nil
- O. Nil
- P. Clear except for slight static condition.
- Q. Considerable enemy activity from tanks, Half-tracks and M/T's in area
immediately south of Vire. French civilians evacuating Vire.
- R. T-6025, Light, Moderate, Inaccurate.
- S. 1 Half-track, 1 M/T damaged at T-5728 by Lt Snyder. 1 M/T 1 jeep
dmgaged at T-5728 by Lt Wayland 1 jeep, 1 staff car destroyed, 1 M/T
damaged by Lt Iver. L/MT damaged 1 jeep destroyed at T-6623 by
Capt. Bowlin. 1 Jeep 1 half-track damaged at T-5728 by Capt.
Mumaw.
- T. Assigned to armed cover of armored units, the mission had a field
day in attacking enemy vehicles. Lt Martin destroyed a truck and
dmgaged another with bombs, Lt vey destroyed a truck with bombs,
Capt. Bowlin damaged a jeep and Lts Vieck and Hughes shared a
damaged truck. Little flak was encountered and good visibility
was a material aid in singling our vehicles.

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6 August 1944

MISSION REPORT

- A. 395th Fighter Squadron, Pr 3, OO# 126, Mission # 1.
- B. 8 P-47's, Nil, Nil
- C. Nil
- D. 8 P-47's, Targets of Opportunity, 1750
- E. 16x500 G.P. Inst bombs loaded. 16x500 dropped on targets. Nil Jettisoned. Nil brought back to base. Dive from 6000' Release 1200' Angle 50c
- F. 6 bombs on T-637329 target designated by Outbreak, target damaged probably destroyed. 2 bombs on Gun position at T-713418 unobserved results. 2 bombs on T-609307 Light Gun position unobserved results 4 bombs on T-777332 wooded area a housing various mechanized units. 2 bombs on T-665317 tank target, damaged.
- G. Nil
- H. 1 P-47' CAT "A" Light AA.
- I * K. Nil
- L. Weather over target. Haze up to 5000 feet 3 miles visibility
- M. Time Up: 1643 Time Down: 1842
- N. Nil
- O. Nil
- P. Clear, cluttered up at the beginning of the mission cleared at the latter stage of it.
- Q. Many vehicles were seen in the area east of Vire which dispersed into hedge rows upon observing possibly of being subjected by air attack Outbreak reported two moving tanks in Vire.
- R. The entire area east of Vire gives evidence of many light gun positions. East of Vassy T-793328, Heavy, Moderate, Inaccurate.
- S. 1 jeep destroyed at T-662268, 1 M/T destroyed at same position Command car destroyed at T-686322, Lt Kik. Also a jeep destroyed at T-658318. Lt Kik damaged an M/T at T-667303 and another one at T-659320. The first vehicle destroyed by Lt Scjulte and the second by Lt Jewkes. Lt Garry destroyed a jeep at T-656278.
- T. Captain Montag attempted to contact Poodle, Bronco and Seascout upon arriving in the area, but was unsuccessful.. He contacted outbreak who assigned the observation tower at T-637329 which according to the

pilots was knocked out of the picture. The rest of the bombs were dropped on targets of opportunity selected at random. Lt Rife dropped two bombs on a flashing gun position which didn't flash anymore. Total capitulation gives us one observation post knocked out, one gun position knocked out, 3 Jeeps destroyed, 1 Command car destroyed, 1 M/T destroyed, 2 M/T's damaged. Lt Schulte's bombs in the wooded area no doubt did damage to vehicles therein, difficult to evaluate site.

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- A. 395th Fighter Squadron, Mission # 1. 8-7-44, Y21-2
- B. 8 P-47's, Nil, Nil
- C. 1 P-47 Propeller out.
- D. 7 P-47's, Targets of Opportunity, 1235
- E. 8x500 G.P. Inst bombs loaded. 4x500 dropped on target. 4x500 Jettisoned in Channel. Nil.
Dive from 7000' Release at 2000' Angle 60°
- F. 4x500 bombs jettisoned in Channel. 4 bombs on tanks at T-608129 with unobserved results.
- G. Nil
- H. 2 P-47's, Cat "A", Light AA.
- I - K. Nil
- L. Haze up to 4000', 3/10 cumulus between 4 - 5000' building up. Visibility 4 plus miles
- M. Time Up: 1215 Time Down 1350
- N. Nil
- O. Nil
- P. Clear
- Q. 15 Plus tanks and M/T's standing still on the road NE on Mortain at T-591127 these were called in by Sweepstakes. A A tank observed at T-597091 not moving and camouflaged. 6 Mark VI tanks moving east on road followed by infantry at T-584142 observed at 1315 from 2,000 were called into sweepstakes. The pilots still report that German Mechanized Units are still heavily camouflaged. All observations have been called in so none of this was reported as flash news. Our pilots report that there are many other Groups operating in and about this area and the movement of the enemy are not unobserved.
- R. T-583131 - Light Moderate, Accurate. T-606122 Light & Heavy, Moderate Accurate. South of Vire is still reported as Heavy concentration of Light AA.
- S. Only one pilot made a strafing pass. Lt Martin damaged 1 tank at T608129
- T. Our flight led by Capt Mumaw was contacted immediately by Sweepstakes

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and assigned a target. On his bombing run Capt Mumaw was hit by light AA, Turned homw and was escorted by his wingman. Those two pilots ~~xxx~~ jettisoned 4 bombs in the Channel. 4 other bombs were dropped at T-608129 with unobserved results. No further activity on the part of our squadron. Final TALLEY: 1 tank damaged.

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MISSION REPORT

- A. 395th Fighter Squadron, Y 21-2 7 August 1944, Mission No. 2
- B. 8 P-47's, Nil, Nil
- C. Nil
- D. 8 P-47's, Forrest at Y-8665 1900
- E. 8x500 G. P. Inst bombs loaded. 8x500~~0~~ dropped on target
Nil Jettisoned Nil brought back to base
Dive From 9000' Release 2500' Angle 70°
- F. All bombs on target with large explosions resulting from at least 4 bombs. 4 of 5 large fires were seen to be burning within the forest after the attack. Several objects were seen which resembled piles of wood, but may have been camouflaged installations.
- G. - K. Nil
- L. 3/10 haze 6 - 8000 feet 3 miles visibility
- M. Time Up: 1810 Time Down 2005
- N. Nil
- O. Nil
- P. "Poodle" position identified itself as "BOOTY". Radio generally clear, but intense interference from chatter.
- Q. Woods burning at T-7305. Woods at Y-8665 contained many camouflaged objects resembling wood piles. Little enemy activity observed on road
- S. Captain Montag destroyed a jeep at T-1979, damaged a truck at Q-0600 and damaged a staff car at Z-2376. Lt Kesting probably destroyed a staff car at Z-1872. Lt LeLoup shared a claim for destroyed on Captain Montag's jeep.
- T. The mission was assigned to armed support of advancing armored columns. Only 4 planes were furnished with bombs, the remainder acting as top cover and looking for strafing targets of opportunity. Few targets were observed, but good results were obtained on all attacks launched. 8 bombs were dropped on a small forest on orders from the ground forces as a concentration of tanks and guns was thought to be located there. RESULTS: Destroyed 1 jeep Damaged 1 truck, 2 staff cars.

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8 August 1944

MISSION REPORT

- A. 395th Fighter Squadron, Par 3 O.O. # 130, 8-8-44, Mission # 1.
- B. 7 P-47's, Nil. Nil
- C. Nil
- E. 7 P-47's, Targets of Opportunity T-8315, V-5062, 1220
- E. 6x500 G.P. Inst 1/40 tail bombs loaded. 4x500 dropped on target
2x500 Jettisoned in Channel. Nil.
Dive from 4500' Release at 1500' Angle 45o
- F. 2 bombs dropped in woods at T-8315 with unobserved results by Lt.
Elliott. 2 on tank at V-5062, by Lt Garry destroyed. L bomb
jettisoned east of bomb line, 1 bomb in channel
- B. Nil
- H. 1 P47 CAT "A", Light AA.
- I - K. Nil
- L. Haze up to 6,000 feet, thin stratus visibility 1-2 miles
- M. Time Up: 1106 Time Down 1315
- N. Nil
- O. Nil
- P. Clear
- Q. A column of allied M/T's and armored vehicles moving east toward
Ger was seen at T-670129, at 1235 from 4500 feet.
- R. T-8622, Heavy Meager Inaccurate. T-8315, Light, Meager, Inaccurate
- S. Nil
- T. Mission was sent out in support of advancing ground forces, directed
by their R/T. Most of the time was spent in looting for targets
indicated by Murphy. No enemy activity seen except in vicinity
of Le Mans where Lt Garry destroyed a tank with his bombs.

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MISSION REPORT

- A. 395th Fighter Squadron, Y21-12, Mission 12, 8-10-44
- B. 12 P-47's, Nil. Nil
- C. Nil
- E. 12 P-47's, T664145, T790156, 2030
- E. 12x500 12 hr delay, 12x500 6 hr delay action bombs loaded
Dropped on T-664145 14x500 On T-679156 6x500 dropped there
One jettisoned at T-4283, 6 hr delay. 1 6 hr delay dropped
at T-5233. 1 12 and 1 6 hr delay jettisoned in Channel.
Dive from 8500' Angle 70o Release 2000'
- F. Due to the nature of the mission bomb results cannot be explained.
- G. Nil
- H. 2 P-47's, CAT "A", 1 P-47 CAR "AC". light and Heavy AA.
i - K Nil
- L. CAVU
- M. Time up 2009 Time Down: 2117
- N. Nil
- O. Nil
- P. Clear
- Q. No observations reported
- R. T-664145, Light and heavy, Intense, Accurate. T-679156, Light &
Heavy, Intense, Accurate.
- S. Nil
- T. Due to the nature of the mission very little can be said
as to the bomb results. From all reports both targets appeared
to be well surrounded by bombs. Our pilots report that at least
four other Groups were in the same area on the same kind of mission
which caused a great deal of confusion. The whole area NW of Ger
seems to be one intense flak coverage. Could not secure any
information as to the positions of our own troops. Murphy reported
that he was being bombed and strafed by friendly planes.

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- A. Y21-5, Divebombing Marshalling Yards and Fuel Dump.
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron,
12 P-47's dispatched. Nil Nil
- C. Time Up: 1433 TOT 1508 Time Down: 1625
- D. Nil
- E. 16x500 G.P. inst 1/40 tail bombs loaded. 16x500 in target area.
Nil. Nil
Dive from 8500' Release at 3500' Angle 80o # used as escort.
- All bombs were dropped in the target area striking the northern and central and southern portions. Pilots reported that the area is leveled and not a building appears to be standing, no flames or smoke observed after attack. Strafing Nil.
- F. (1) Nil
(2) Light, Weak, Inaccurate, in woods north of target.
- G. One flight was sent over to observe the bridges on the Seine river and reported that all bridges were destroyed with the exception of a R/R bridge at Q-2788 which appears to be in the process of rebuilding. Observations were made of all the A/D between Evereux and Dreux, nothing observed. At St. Andre (1:500,00) a dummy A/D was noted with dummy wreckage observed. The road between Leisieux and Evereux contained individual vehicles from time to time, these appeared to be light vehicles very few in number. The fuel dump of this morning's mission is still burning.
- H. Weather over target: CAVU. Between Strip and Bayeux 2/10 cumulus with 4/10 cumulus from Bayeux to Caen from 4500 to 6500 feet.

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- A. 305th Fighter Squadron, VII F, 10 August 1944, Mission # 1.
- B. 12 P-47's, Nil Nil
- C. Nil
- D. 12 P-47's, T-8407, 1445
- E. 2x500 G.P. That 1x70 tail bombs loaded. 1x500 bombs dropped on target. 8x500 Jettisoned in Channel. Nil base
 Dive from 6000' Angle 90c Released at 6000'
- F. 2 bombs jettisoned in channel. 14 bombs dropped near road at T-8407 with unobserved results.
- G. X. Nil
- H. JMWU over to ref area with flight home. Curious building up in area North of V102, at 400 feet.
- I. Gas Ur: 1201 Fuel Down: 1410
- J. Nil
- K. Nil
- L. 504 Channel empty at 1415. 1x500 G.P. dropped on road and another pilot observed to have dropped water on a P-47 which had crashed, but was unable to get a closer contact.
- M. Pilots observed engine explosion of P-47's heading towards V-4380. Points of latest advance of our units are at V-4380 and V-6678.
- N. G-5501 Weak Messer Inaccurate
- O. Nil
- P. Mission was called on very short notice to attack enemy tanks opposing our forces in an engagement reported to involve 500 tanks. Mission was unable to find any enemy activity at point indicated, but did observe several of our spearheads developing east of Le Mans. Murphy instructed the mission to attack another woods containing a Panzer Division, but they were unable to locate the area and dropped their bombs just north of contact and in the Channel..

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Ops Flash # 2. 13 August 1944 1400 hours

- A. Par. 3, O.O.# 138, Armored column with Poodle in and about Argenton.
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron
4 P-47's, dispatched. Nil Abortive Nil.
- C. Time Up: 1132 TOT: 1205 Time Down: 1315
- D. Nil
- E. 4x500 G.P. Inst 1/40 Tail, bombs loaded & 8x260 frags loaded.
4x500 G.P. Inst 1/40 tail, & 8x20 frag bombs dropped on target.
Nil Jettisoned. Nil brought back to base.
Dive from 3000' Release 1000' Angle 30°. Nil escort

All bombs were dropped on forrest at Q-527058. No targets of opportunity could be found nor were any assigned.

STRAFING:
Nil

- F. Nil
- G. Our pilots report tht throughout their cover all columns were moving at the rate of at least 20 miles per hour without any resistance, they state that our troops are moving freely from Mayeene north from Argenton to Faliase on the main highway and must be somewhere near the British. They saw nothing of any interest whatsoever.
- H. Haze up to 6000 feet. visibility 5 Miles.

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OPFLASH NO. 3 13 August 1944 1705

- A. O.C. No. Par. 3 O.C. #138
Armed Cover 2nd Armored Division. U-1307
- B. 368th 395th 4 P47s
NIL
- C. 1429 1545 1627
- D. NIL
- E. 4 X 1 X 500 G.P. inst 1/40. 4 X 2 X FRG.
12 in target area.
U-1308 CAPT MAZUR Dam 2 M/Ts; LT KIK Dam 1 M/T; LT WAYLAND
Des. 1 M/T; ~~LT KIK Dam 1 M/T; LT WAYLAND~~
- Strafing Results:** U-1308 CAPT MAZUR Des. 5 M/Ts; LT KIK
Des. 4 M/Ts, Dam. 1 Tank, and Dam. 3 M/T; LT WAYLAND Des.
2 M/Ts, Dam. 1 M/T, and Dam. 1 Tank; LT. GIANETTI Des. 1 M/T,
and Dam. 1 M/T.
- F. NIL
- G. Our troops were seen to be advancing throughout the ARGENTAN
sector, and proceeding generally Northward. Pilots exper-
ienced little difficulty in selecting enemy targets and sub-
sequently destroying them.
- H. 3/10 Scattered Cumulus base 6,000 ft. Vis. very good.

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OPS FLASH # 4, 395TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

- A. Par 3., O.O.# 138, Armored Column Cover for 2nd Armored Division
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron
- C. Time Up: 1605 TOT: 1640 Time Down: 1803
- D. Nil
- E. 4x500 G.P. Inst 1/40 tall; 8x260 Frag bombs loaded.
All dropped on target. Nil Jet Nil Base. Nil
Nil, Nil. Nil.

All frags were dropped in the woods at at U-125057 starting large fires and what apparently was a supply depot. 1 bomb was dropped at U-125245 destroying a half-track, 1 bomb dropped on crossroads at T-899038 2 were near misses, no observed results.

At T-125226 Lt Gamble destroyed a M/T while Lt Huff got a staff car at the same position. Lt Gamble also got a staff car at U-126213. Lt Midlam destroyed a tank, a command car and a fuel transport at U-125222. SIGHT: 1 M/T, 1 Jeep, 2 staff cars, 1 Fuel Transport, 1 Half-Track, 1 Crossroad

- F. Nil
- G. Pilots reported that they found fairly confusion in this area to distinguished between our troops and the enemy. They also report that military vehicles carrying military personnel are being marked by red crosses. Could not definitely pen point positions of our own troops.
- H. Time up to 7000' 1 to 3 miles visibility. South of Mortain cloud layer of cumulus 6/10 between 6 - 6500 feet.

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OPS FLASH # 5, 13 August 1944, 2115 Hours

- A. C.O. # 138, Par. 3, Armed Cover for 2nd Armored Division
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 368th Fighter Squadron
4 P-47's dispatched, Nil abortive Nil.
- C. Time Up: 1830 TOT: 1945 Time Down: 2027
- D. Nil
- E. 7x599 G.P. Inst 1/40 tail, 2x100 Phos & 3x260 Frag bomb loaded
12 bombs in target area at U-1204
1 tank destroyed Capt Bowlin, 1 M/T destroyed Lt Veick.
STRAFIEG: (U-1204) 2 M/T's damaged Lt Hughes, 5 M/T's destroyed
Captain Bowlin, 2 M/T's destroyed Lt Smith.
- F. Nil
- G. Allied Armored Column head seen at U-130048. Two Allied
Armored Column heads seen at U-172086 advancing into enemy lines.
Allied Armored column seen entering Domfront head east.
- H. 1/10 haze Stratus forming at 5-6,000 feet. Visibility poor.

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OPS FLASH NO. 6, 13 August 1944, 2207 hours

- A. O.C. 138, Par. 3, Armed cover 2nd Armored Division.
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron
4 P-47's Dispatched, Nil abortive. Nil reason
- C. Time Up: 1934 TOT: 2000 to 2030 Time Down: 2119
- D. Nil
- E. 4x500 G.P. Inst 1/40 tail bombs & 4x500 Phos inst 1/40 tail bombs loaded. ' bombs in target area. Nil Jettisoned. Nil base.
- RESULTS: (U-2720) 2 M/T's destroyed by Capt Standifer, 2 tanks destroyed by Lt Kesting, 1 Light tank destroyed by Lt Le Loup.
- STRAFING: (U-2720) 1 Light tank destroyed Lt LeLoup. 1 Half track, 1 staff car destroyed, 1 staff car damaged
2 M/T's destroyed by Capt Standifer. 2 M/T's destroyed
1 staff car destroyed by Lt Earls.
- F. Nil
- Argentan, Light Weak, Inaccurate
- G. Roads cluttered with burning vehicles on roads leading North and east from Argentan. 20 to 30 Red Cross vehicles were seen moving northwest at U-1308 from 2500 feet at 2030 hours.
- H. Haze Cumulus building up at 6,000 feet Visibility 1-5 Miles

SUMMARY:

The mission encountered many targets of opportunity, but reported that targets were more difficult to single out because of the tremendous number of burning vehicles. The Flight jumped a group of 7 tanks in Argentan that was holding up the advance of Allied Armored Column, and destroyed 2 tanks with bombs.

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14 August 1944

Ops Flash # 1. 14 August 1944, 1230 hours.

A. Y-21-5, Armed Reccy over Falaise - Laigle.

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

C. Time Up: 1016 TOT: 1035 Time Down: 1220

D. 1 P-47 flown by Captain T.M. Montag observed to strike a tree and crash at T-9003 while strafing M/T's. It is not believed that the pilot survived the crash.

2 P-47's, Cat "A", Light AA.

E. 16x500 G.P.Inst 1/40 tail bombs loaded. 8 dropped in and about T-925067 the other 4 were dropped on targets of opportunity. Nil nettisoned Nil brought back to base. Dive from 4000' Release 1000' Angle 55o Nil escort

The 8 bombs which dropped on T-925067 appeared to strike a fuel dump and destroyed 2 M/T's. The other 4 bombs were used on M/T's with unobserved results.

STRAFING:

3 M/T's destroyed by Capt Montag at T9003 Lt Kik destroyed 2 M/T's at T-899977, 2 tanks at Y-966942, 2 trucks at T-906026 Lt Gianette destroyed 1 M/T at U-313558. Lt Staton destroyed a M/T at T-936014 and Lt Diman damaged 3 M/T's at U-275574. Lt Kik destroyed 1 M/T at U-279290.

F. (1) Nil

(2) U-309557, Light, Moderate. Accurate.

G. 15 Plus M/T's were seen going northwest out of Trun (U-309557) which were ambulances and which appeared to be carrying military personnel. Our own troops were seen all along the area north of Couterne (Y-967941) walking up the highway and going through the woods of La Ferte which is north of Coutrrne.

H. Haze up to 4000 feet, Visibility 20 miles.

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395th FIGHTER SQUADRON
 368th Fighter Group
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 MISSION REPORT

OPSFLASH # 14 August 1944 1640

- A. G.O. Y 1-2
 Armed Cover for 2nd Armored Division. (Falaise-Laigle)
- B. 368th 395th 8 P47s
 NIL
- C. 1401 1500 1608
- D. 1 P47 CAT "A" light flak
- E. 8 X 1 X 500 G.P. Inst. 1/40
 8 X 2 X 300 FECS.
 24 bombs on flak position at (U-085164) resulted in silenc-
 of the flak battery.
- SPEARING: 21 M/Ts Destroyed at (U-0600) by LTS GAMBLE,
 JENSEN, SMITH, B2S ALLEN, HUGHES, & CAPT BOWLIN. 1 Tank
 Probably Destroyed by LTS EARLY & MIDLAM.
- F. nil
 U-1308 light task inaccurate
 U- 085164 light moderate accurate
- G. British Heavy bombers bombing FALAISE from 4-6000 feet at
 1430 hours.
 British Armored columns seen heading toward FALAISE at
 1430 hours with 50 plus tanks and armored vehicles. U-1640.
 A silver P47 was seen going down at 1630 hours at U-1439,
 with the pilot parachuting safely.
- H. Haze and smoke up to 6,000 feet. 1/10 10-15,000 ft. Vis 5
 miles.

SUMMARY: 21 M/Ts Destroyed; 1 Tank Destroyed(Probable)

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14 August 1944

MISSION REPORT

Ops Flash # 3, 14 August 1944, 2000 hours

- A. Y 21-2, Armed Reccy.
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron.
4 P-47's, dispatched, Nil abortive Nil.
- C. Time Up: 1720 TOT: 1755 Time Down: 1917
- D. 1 P-47, Category "A", Possible factor of frag bombs or light Falk.
- E. 8x500 G.P. Inst 1/40 tail & 16x260 Frag bombs loaded.
8x500 G.P. Inst 1/40 tail & 16x260 Frag bombs dropped on targets
of opportunity 1x500 Jettisoned S.W. of Caenunarmed. Nil. Nil. Nil.
- Poodle called and assigned a target at U-119077, a tank, 2x500 and
all frag bombs were dropped here destroying it. 1 tank destroyed
at U-175154. Staff car destroyed at U-278523. 3 tanks damaged at
U-296525. 1 tank destroyed at U-304520 and 2 tanks damaged at
U-294527.
- STRAFING:**
Weapons carrier destroyed at U-298522. Staff car destroyed at
U-285516. Tank damaged at U-306521. Staff car destroyed at U-286523
Tank destroyed at U-296527. TALLY: 4 tanks destroyed. 7 tanks
damaged. 3 staff cars destroyed. 1 weapons carrier destroyed.
- F. (1) Nil
(2) U-108083, Heavy and Light, Weak, Inaccurate.
U-1933, Light, Weak, Inaccurate.
- G. Our armored elements were seen at Trun (U-3030) and out troops
were seen at U-329151 at 1845.
A pilot definitely identified a half-track with red crosses
markings at U-285523. No other observations of interest noted.
- H. Haze up to 6000 feet 10 miles visibility.

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16 August 1944

OPS FLASH # 1. 16 August 1944, 2100 hours

- A. Par # 3, O.O.# 142, Armored column cover for 3rd Armored Division
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron
- C. Time Up: 1712 TOT 1745 Time Down: 1852
- D. 2 P-47's, Cat "A", Light AA.
- E. 4x500 G.P. Inst 1/40 tail and 8x260 frag bombs loaded
4x500 G.P. Inst 1/50 tail & 4x260 frag bombs dropped at U-076163
4x260 Frag bombs dropped at U-207164.
Nil Jettisoned Nil brought back to base Nil. Nil. Nil. Nil

At U-076163 an ambulance towing a gun, three M/T's and two tanks and two armored vehicles were destroyed by bombing. In this same area a fire was started indicating a fuel or supply dump. By Strafing 2 armored vehicles destroyed at U-263524. A truck destroyed at U-307164. 1 truck destroyed at U-093425/ A truck plus a trailer destroyed at U-163223. A truck damaged at U-162227. A Staff Car destroyed at U-158222. A truck destroyed at U-151228. A Half-track and truck damaged at U-155227.

- F. (1) Nil
(2) U-053154, Light, Moderate, Accurate.
- G. A concentration of ten tanks and ten armored vehicles were seen from strafing level at 1830 at a position near U-255337. Several passes were made at it but the flight was out of ammo and was forced to give up. This convoy was moving east. It was turned in as a flash report. Furthest advance of our troops was observed at U-112095.
- H. Haze up to 5000 feet 8 miles visibility. Coming home cumulus clouds varying from 3/10 to 10/10 were encountered from 1500 to 3000 feet.

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APO 595, U.S. Army
16 August 1944

Ops Flash # 2, 16 August 1944, 2200 hours

- A. Par. 3, O.O.# 142, Armored column cover for 3rd Armored Division
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron.
4 P-47's dispatched, Nil abortive Nil
- C. Time Up: 1743 TOT: 1815 Time Down: 1927
- D. 1 P-47 presumed destroyed at T-892682, pilot 1st Lt. P.B. Martin seen to crash head-on from an altitude of 2000 feet at about 1915. He had been struck by light flak and possibly gun fire from tanks.
2 P-47's, CAT "A", Light A.
- E. 4x500 G.P. Inst 1/40 tail bombs and 8x260 Frag bombs loaded. 1x500 & all Frag bombs at U-196353. All the rest of the bombs were dropped in the area in and about U-064334. Nil Jet. Nil base. Nil. Nil. Nil. Nil.
- 3 M/T's destroyed at U-196353. 6 M/T's destroyed in same general area, 4 M/T's destroyed in same general area. A total of 13 M/T's destroyed. 2 M/T's destroyed by strafing at U-063330 1 Tank and 1 M/T destroyed at T-025305. All these were attacks were coordinated bombing and strafing.
TALLY: 13 M/T's destroyed and 1 Tanks destroyed.
- F. (1) Nil
(2) The whole escape gap in the bomb line seems to be filled with 20mm stuff, very intense and accurate. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~
General area of T-992343, seems to be filled with heavy and light stuff, intense and accurate.
- G. The whole escape gap is alive with fleeing German vehicles and flak areas. There doesn't seem to be any specific pen-point because our flight was fired upon intensely in this entire area.
- H. Haze up to 5000 feet. 8 miles visibility. Cumulus ranging from 3 to 10/10 from 700 to 3500 feet.

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MISSION REPORT

OPSFLASH # 3 16 August 1944 2140

- A. O.O. No. Par. 3, of O.C. 142
Armed Cover Third Armored Division.
- B. 368th 395th 4 P47s
NIL
- C. 1801 1940 2000
- D. NIL
- E. 4 X 1 X 500 G.P. inst.
4 X 2 X 200 FRGS.
All bombs in Target Area (Q420662) a woods. Unobserved
results except that the Flight attracted considerable
enemy flak immediately after their bombing.
NO Jettisoning.
No Strafing.
- F. NIL
Q-420662 light intense accurate
U-0817 light & heavy intense inaccurate
U-0215 Heavy meager inaccurate
- G. British Armored units (tanks) moving SouthEast from CAPN
and halted at (U-1345) where they were under fire from
concealed enemy artillery units.
Forward positions of our troops were seen at (U-0414)
and (T8311).
- H. Hazy over target area,, clear up to 5,000,, visibility
5 to 7 miles. Overcast lowering to 15-500 feet over strip.

SUMMARY: The Flight was sent on armed Reccy by Bronco
and spent most of the time looking for targets with no
luck.

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17 August 1944

OPS FLASH NO. 1, 17 August 1944

- A. O.O. # 142, Par, 3. Armed cover for 3rd Armored Division
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron
4 P-47's dispatched, Nil abortive. Nil
- C. Time Up: 1518 Time Down: 1706 TOT: 1600
- D. 1 P-47 Cat "AC", Light Flak
- E. 4x500 G.P. Inst 1/40 tail 8x260 frag bombs loaded.
2 Pilots dropped all bombs in woods at U-243253 with unobserved results. Enemy vehicles seen entering the woods.
Lt Gamble destroyed 2 M/T's, 2 ambulances Lt Midlam destroyed 3 M/T's and 2 ambulances and 2 Half-tracks.

STRAFING: Lt Midlam damaged 10 M/T's. Lt Gamble damaged 15 M/T's.
Numerous concentrations of enemy troops were strafed and bombed with excellent results.
- F. Nil
U-185200, Heavy Moderate Inaccurate
U-2224, Light Intense Accurate.
- G. 75 - 100 enemy vehicles heading east along road extending from U-1523 to U-2524 and entering woods at the latter point. A mixed cars intermingled with ambulances in the convoy. Our troops seen in Ecouche at U-1916 at 1550 from 4,000 feet.
- H. 9/10 Cumulus Base 4,500 feet Visibility 8 miles.

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17 August 1944

OPS FLASH # 2, 17 August 1944, 2300 hours

- A. Par. 2, O.C.#143, Armored Column cover for 3rd armored Division
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron
4 P-47's, Dispatched, Nil abortive. Nil
- C. Time Up: 1649 TOT: 1745 Time Down: 1853
- D. 1 P-47's Category "A", Light AA.
- E. 4x500 G.P. Inst 1/40 tail & 8x260 frags bombs loaded. All bombs dropped in target area. Nil Jet. Nil Base. Nil

All bombs dropped on targets of opportunity, which were limited in number. Three pilots dropped their bombs at U-305234 unobserved results. One pilot dropped his bombs on a flak position at U-034816 unobserved results.

STRAFING: 1 Light Tank, 1 jeep, 1 staff car at U-395244.

- F. (1) Nil
- (2) U-034186 - Light & Heavy, Intense, Inaccurate
U-305234 - Light, Intense, Inaccurate.
- G. Our own troops were seen at U-085165 and U-009145. In the area of U-078188 and about 30 plus vehicles and several hundred troops and an intense flak area was observed. Sweepstakes is aware of this and told our Flight to stay away for it. One pass was made with unobserved results.
- H. 8/10 cumulus from 4,000 to 5,500 feet 10 mile visibility

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GROUP OF BOMB SQUADRON
COMBAT GROUP

APO 195, U.S. Army
25 August 1944

OPS FLASH NO. #1, 25 August 1944,

A. Par 2. O.O. # 153, Armored Column Cover for 2nd & 5th Armored Division at Elbeuf.

B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron, 12 P-37's dispatched, Nil. Nil

C. Time Up: 0710 TOT: 0739 Time Down: 0915

D. Nil

E. 24x500 G.P. Inst 1/40 tail bombs loaded. All bombs in target area. Nil Jettisoned. Nil Base. Nil

Railroad bridge destroyed at M-1903 Fire started in the Forest of De Bretennon at L-9016.

F. (1) Nil
(2) M-0323 - Heavy Weak, Inaccurate. L-7609 - Light, Inaccurate Intense.

G. Roads between Elbeuf and Vernon packed with Allied Motorized

H. Ground fog obscuring target area. Up to 100 feet 6 miles vis:

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APO 595, U.S. Army
28 August 1944

OPS FLASH NO. 1, 28 August 1944

- A. O.O. No. Y21-4 Armed cover for 3rd Armored Division.
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron
12 P-47's dispatched, Nil abortive Nil
- C. Time Up: 0923 TOT: 1000 to 1100 Time Down: 1131
- D. Nil
- E. Axl#500 G.P. Inst 1/40 Tail bombs loaded. All bombs in target area. Etrepilly (S-4763) and on camouflaged objects at S-4859.
Results: Lt Vieck destroyed 2 Armored Vehicles, damaged 1 Tank

STRAFING:

- Captain Gamble, Lts Midlam & Allen & F/O Foltz destroyed 2 A/Vs, 15 enemy troops, Damaged 1 tank between S-4763 and S-4865
 - Major Sparks Damaged 2 A/Vs and 2 tanks shared with Lt Williams
 - Lt Miller damaged 2 A/Vs and 1 tank.
 - Lt Huff 2 M/T's Captain Bowlin destroyed 1 tank, 2 A/V's, 1 88mm Gun. Shared with Lt Ivory Lt Smith des 1 tank, 1 M/T.
 - Lt Vieck des 1 A/V, 2 M/T's damaged 2 A/V's.
- F. Nil
- G. White smoke was compromised by the enemy at S-4959 by placing smoke in open fields as decoys.
Our troops and vehicles seen at S-4960 pursuing the enemy who was fleeing northward.
- H. Bad haze 7/10 cumulus 3800 feet. Visibility 2 miles (Target area)
From base to Paris Strato cumulus 1500 to 2200 lowering to west.

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31 August 1944

OFS FLASH # 2, 31 August 1944

- A. Y 21-2, Armed cover for Third Armored Division
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron, 12 P47's dispatched
Nil abortive Nil
- C. Time Up: 1537 TOT: 1610 to 1720 Time Down: 1755
- D. Nil
- E. Exls:500 G.P. Inst 1.40 tail bombs loaded. Both bombs in target area, a Tank, but both missed. One bomb destroyed a house containing fuel supplies and resulted in large billows of black smoke. Marle (O-1635)

STRAFING:

Lt Kik destroyed 1 A/V and 4 M/Ts at O-0837. Captain Standifer destroyed 1 M/T and 1 tank, Lt Kleinklaus destroyed 1 staff car, Lt Aldridge destroyed 1 jeep and damaged 1 tank Captain Staton destroyed 1 M/T damaged 1 tank. Squadron destroyed 1 tank. All action at O-1535.

- F. Nil
- G. Approximately 100 of our tanks seen at S-5395 at 1715 hours approaching a woods containing enemy infantry battalion
- H. 6/10 cumulus base 4,000 feet 15 miles visibility.

The squadron attacked a large enemy tank at O-1535 and all pilots made attacks on it before destroying it by strafing. The enemy tank was holding up the advance of an armored column approaching the town of Marle. The column immediately entered the town.

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