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MISSION REPORT

OPS FLASH No. 1, 1 December 1944

- A. 00 No. Y 21-2
Close Support mission working with Ground Controller Disco 1.
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron
12 P-47's dispatched, mil abortive.
- C. TU 0905; LFI 0935; TOT 1015; LFO 1035; TD 1124.
- D. 1 P-47, Cat "A", heavy AA.
- E. 8 x 2 x 500 GP Inst, 1/40
4 x 2 x 260 Fragmentation bombs
One 500 pound bomb hung up and was brought back to base.
Two 500 pound bombs were dropped at F 279580, locomotive target
with NRO.
The remainder of bombs and frags were dropped at points F 235552,
F 212539, cutting the RR tracks at these points: F 212540,
F 217540, F 230550, F 238555.
Lt Early led the Squadron, contacted Booty and was given a given
target which he decided not to attack because of poor weather
conditions and contacted Disco 1, who wanted a moving engine
attacked which could not be located. The above bombing ensued.
- F. 1) Nil.
2) F 279580, heavy moderate inaccurate
Between F 235552 and F 212539, light moderate inaccurate.
- G. The marshalling area at F 279580 is reported to be the scene
of much activity. I could not get the pilots to say what kind
of activity for weather did not permit accurate observation.
Nothing further to report.
- H. Over target area; overcast 4-6,000' at 9/10. Another overcast
at 15,000 at 10/10. Haze up to 3500', visibility one mile.

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MISSION REPORT

OPS FLASH No. 1, 2 December 1944.

- A. OO No. Y 21-2
Close Support to First Infantry Division (Booty at Langerwehe).
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 305th Fighter Squadron.
12 P-47's dispatched, nil abortive.
- C. TW 1019; LFI 1054; TOT 1105; LFO 1215; TD 1250.
- D. 1 P-47, Cat "A" due to light AA. 4 planes, Red Flight, landed at strip A-92.
- E. 8 x 2 x 500 JP Inst 1/40
4 x 2 x 250 frags
The weather was extremely poor for any accurate bombing or for that matter flying. Booty was contacted and gave the town of Oberzier F 105550, which one flight attacked. At least four hits were seen in the town. The other two flights aborted this area but because of cloud layers could not get at it so they dropped their 500 pounders and frags at F 145555. NRO.
- F. 1) 7 Me 109's were seen in the target area at 5000' at about 1145 but because of the cloud layers they could not be attacked nor did they make any attacks.
2) F 189602 light moderate accurate
F 033580 light moderate inaccurate
F 105550 heavy weak inaccurate.
- H. Nothing to report since weather made observations of any kind impossible.
- I. The weather was extremely poor in some places the ceiling dropping to 500'. Over the target area, overcasts and rains ranging from 2500' to 6000', 9/10 and 10/10 with holes here and there closing rapidly. Visibility: $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 mile.

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MISSION REPORT

OPS FLASH No. 1, 3 December 1944.

- A. OO No. V 21-2
Close support to First Infantry division (Booty located at Langerwehe F 0347)
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron
12 P-47's dispatched, nil abortive
- C. TU 0936; LFI 1007; TOT 1030; LFO 1053; TD 1136.
- D. Nil.
- E. 12 x 2 x 500 lb, Inst and 1/40.
Armed bombs dropped at F 0545 and F 125518. One (1) each.
22 bombs on assigned target at F 122532. These bombs were all laid on the target, the outer southern tip of a wooded area containing nine (9) heavy gun positions.
- F. F 1253: light intense accurate.
Duren to Julich, a belt of heavy, moderate and accurate. Altitude accurate, but trailing.
- E (cont) Booty was contacted and the mission was told that the target would be lighted with red smoke. Grid coordinates were also indicated. The smoke was never seen, but the Squadron located the area without difficulty and bombed with excellent accuracy. 396th also bombed immediately afterward. No Recce was conducted because Lindsey ordered the Squadron to be back home by 1130.
- G. Nil.
- H. 2-3/10 stratus, base 6000', tops 8000'. Visibility 10 miles.

SUMMARY: Mission was successful in getting their bombs into the target area. No unusual incidents of any kind. Our troops were not seen.

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OPS FLASH No. 1, 4 December 1944.

- A. Y 21-6
Armed Recce, Railroad lines in the vicinity of Buskirchen, Germany.
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron, 12 P-47's, no aborts.
- C. TU 0923; TOT 1000; TD 1147
- D. Lt J. E. STOVER (mia)
The squadron was letting down through the overcast from 20,000 feet while returning to base. At approximately 1045 hours Lt STOVER had called Capt ROY BOWLIN, Squadron leader, telling him that his Turbo Regulator was cutting out. Mission went on to release their bombs and immediately turned for home. Lt STOVER was with them while coming down, but had disappeared when they broke through the overcast at 1500 feet at 1055 hours near P 9898.
- E. 12 x 2x 500 GP 1/10, 1/100
All bombs in target area near Uxheim, Germany (L 3194). When nearing Verviers, Sweepstakes vectored the Squadron westward, then told them to climb for better weather. Squadron orbited while gaining altitude and finally reached 20,000 feet. They maintained this altitude while being vectored by Disco. When over the bomb line they were told that they were in Hot territory, and proceeded to bomb through the overcast. On their return they broke through at P-9898 just above the Siegfried Line.
- F. P-9080, (estimated): heavy weak inaccurate
- G. German vehicles were seen just east of the Siegfried Line, but the exact position was not determined. Vehicles were described as being two M/Ts. They were seen on the return trip, at about 1045 hours.
- H. 10/10 cumulus and strato cumulus built up in patchy layers from 1500 to 18000 feet; visibility good underneath. Icing conditions encountered at frequent intervals at varying heights.

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MISSION REPORT

OPS FLASH No. 2, 4 December 1944

- A. OO No. Y 21-6
Armed Reconnaissance over railroad system between Euskirchen and the Rhine river.
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron
12 P-47's dispatched, nil abortive.
- C. TU 1353; LFI 1427; TOT 1450; LFO 1543; TD 1618.
- D. 2 P-47's, Cat "A", (Maj Sparks, Lt Gianetti)
- E. 12 x 2 x 500, CP 1/10, 1/100
8 bombs on M/Y at F 419536, 2 just short of the RR intersection, 6 NRO.
2 on 15 G/W train moving south at F 4347. At least 6-G G/Ws damaged and derailed. 6 bombs near misses along east side of RR track. Locomotive still under way after bombing. Bombs hit just behind the locomotive. 6 bombs on M/Y at F 462487. Building hit and at least three RR cuts observed. 2 bombs dropped off when the pilot was arming them at F 4245.
- Squadron leader contacted Marmite 1, and asked whether they should be vectored on a high altitude bombing run. Marmite told them to orbit. After about 10 orbits the Squadron leader called again and was told to go ahead and that the controller would inform him of any Bandits. Squadron then proceeded to bomb when a hole in the clouds permitted sufficient visibility.
- An armed Recce was conducted south to Mastatten, Germany (F 0877)
- F. F 4253; heavy intense accurate.
- G. Much barge activity seen around Koblenz. 100 plus.
- H. 10/10 strato-cumulus, 12-15,000' base unknown. Visibility excellent on top.

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MISSION REPORT

OPS FLASH No-1, 5 December

- A. OO # Y21-2
Close Support to First Infantry Division (Booty)
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron
12 P-47's dispatched, nil abortive
- C. TU 0930, LFI 1005, TOT 1050, LFO 1110, TD 1150.
- D. Nil
- E. 12 x 2 x 500 GP Inst - 1/40
All in Tgt area.
The Squadron contacted Booty upon arriving in Tgt area but were not given any targets. Captain Miller led the Squadron on a recce to the Rhine River to find all this territory covered over by an overcast. Disco was contacted but the target he assigned was covered by an overcast also so the Squadron returned to Booty who assigned a Bridge F095486. The bombing was hampered by a wind with about 6 bombs striking the road where it adjoined the bridge but no direct hits on the bridge were observed. The rest of the bombs fell in the immediate vicinity.
- F. 1) Nil
2) Duren - Heavy, weak, Inaccurate
F102481, Light, Intense, Inaccurate
- G. Nil observations due to weather. A concentration of troops was called in over the R/T but the 396 was assigned this target. Our pilots reported no information of any value.
- H. Overcast 10/10 - 4 to 8000' Cumulus at 12,000' building up unlimited visibility. Haze into the Sun.

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MISSION REPORT

OPS FLASH No 2 - 5 December 1944

- A. CO # 121-2
Close Support mission with First Infantry Division (Booty at Langerwehe)
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron
12 P-47's dispatched, nil abortive
- C. TU 1330, LFI 1405, TOT 1420, LFC 1510, TD 1545
- D. Nil
- E. 12 x 2 x 500 GP Inst 1/40
Contacted Booty - Ballard, and then worked with Organ who told them to bomb the Southern edge of a small town at (F-0344) Gurzenich. Bombs were all in the target area, but were generally over and under the town itself. At least six (6) hits were observed among 2 gun positions and entrenchments adjoining the Southern section of the village. Good dispersal.

Armed Recon was conducted over to Bonn, down to Sinzig and back over Euskirchen with nothing observed other than a Red Cross vehicle which was not attacked. This was done at 14 thousand feet.
- F. (F-335405) heavy, weak, accurate
- G. A large airport was observed at a position thought to be F-335405. Long strip runs North and South. Flak there.
- H. 8-9/10 cumulus. Base 3000' Tops 11,000' Visibility very good on top.

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MISSION REPORT

OPS FLASH No 1, 6 December 1944

- A. Y21-3
Mission type 584 (F231332) and Reccy
Captain Mazur leading.
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron,
12 P-47's, nil abortive
- C. TU 1300, LFI 1340, TOT 1417, LFO 1455, TD 1540
- D. Nil
- E. 12 x 2 x 500 GP 1/10 - 1/100
The Squadron lead by Captain Mazur was vectored to the briefed target and dropped its bombs upon instruction from Marmite I at 10,000 - 200 MPH. NRO results due to cloud coverage.
- F. 1) Nil
2) Nil
- G. Upon completion of the bombing the Squadron flew the briefed reccy and returned home.
- Sweepstake was jammed with a fast static noise on D channel at about 15000 while our Squadron was at 19,000 feet.
- Captain Mazur was forced to use the code at this mission in as much as at 1410 another voice broke in on Marmite I giving an entirely different heading making necessary the challenge. This interference came on D channel and some of the pilots say that the interfering voice had a teutonic or English reflection. This interfering voice could not respond to the challenge and therefore was ignored. No other information of value.
- H. Overcast - 5000 feet tops, 3500 feet base, 8 to 9/10. Slight haze to 3500 feet. Clear above overcast. Unlimited visibility.

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OPSFLASH # 1, 10 December 1944

- A. OO # Y21-3
Close Support to INSTAND at Langerwehe (F-0347)
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron - nil abortive.
- C. 1058 - 1135 - 1215 - 1305 - 1335.
- D. Nil
- E. 8 x 2 x 500 GP 1/10 - 1/100
4 x 4 x Rockets 5" AR Mark 1.
Squadron contacted INSTAND # 1, # 3, and # 4, but received no targets so went to Seascout who requested them to attack the Castle at (F-050453). Two hits on NE tower destroyed it, but the remaining 14 bombs were near misses. Bombs were both over and under. The target was smoked, but the 4 bursts were about 300 yards short. Seascout then asked the Squadron to strafe the town of SCHLIECK at (F-060455). Two passes were made by LT MILLER'S Flight, but no results were observed. MILLER also fired one (1) rocket at a house, but missed widely. Sweepstakes then requested them to attack a train of fifty (50) cars moving South at (F-2139). The train was located at (F-267318), containing only 30 cars, and halted under an overpass. Rockets were used with one (1) hit obtained on the cars; and at least 5-6 near misses within the RR cut with NRO. No claims. Guns fired also with NRO. Two separate attacks were made, but three (3) rockets failed to release. Passes were made at 60 degree angle. Three (3) rockets returned.
- F. (F-263313) Light and heavy - intense - accurate
20 Plus light gun positions observed in the open field, and 4 heavy positions. Squadron flew directly over ZULPICH at 10,000 feet, but received no Flak. Weak M/G fire received at SCHLIECK. Probably a couple of 50's.
- G. A B-26 fired upon our planes at 1220 hours at 9,000 feet when our airplanes came within 200 yards of the bomber. No casualties or hits of any kind. Incident occurred over Eschwieler.
- H. 7/10 Cumulus (with large holes) 3,000/6,000 feet - visibility unlimited.

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MISSION REPORT

OPSPFLASH # 2, 10 December 1944

- A. OC # Y21-3
Close Support to INSTANT at Langerwehe (PO347)
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron
- C. TU 1511, TGT 1530, TD 1652.
- D. 1 P-47 due to Bird Cat "A"
- E. 3 x 2 x 500 GP Inst - 1/100
4 x 4 x rockets 5" AR Mark I
One rocket brought back to base.
At a point near K92404, all bombs were jettisoned and all rockets fired. Sweepstakes called in reported that 30 plus boggies were above and below and further reported that a friendly flight was already being bounced giving our Squadron leaders the impression that a dog-fight was imminent forcing him to this decision. The bombs were dropped safe.
- F. 1) 30 plus unidentified craft reported.
2) FL45599, heavy, moderate, inaccurate.
- G. Our Squadron led by Major Sparks was flying below an overcast at 1500 feet when Sweepstakes called in giving the impression that E/A were above and below. After jettisoning bombs and firing rockets the Squadron searched for the E/A but did not locate them at any time.
- H. Overcast at 1500 - tops 3500 - 10/10 - visibility below 6 miles - above 15 miles. Another overcast at 10 thousand appearing 9/10 going up to about 12,000 feet. From all indications there appeared to be another overcast above the top one.

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OFS FLASH # 1, 11 December 1944

- A. CO # 1-1-2
Close Support mission working with Seascope and Instand at Langerwehe (F0347)
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 399th Fighter Squadron
12 F-47's dispatched, nil abortive
- C. TU 1432 IPT 1500 TOT 1515 IFO 1600 TD 1600
- D. HLL
- E. 8 x 2 x 500 GP 1/10 - 1/100
4 x 4 x Rockets AR 5" Mark I
Contacted Instand # 1 who sent them to # 3 who had no targets, so waited until he told them to bomb the town of Mariaweller at (F-090472) on NE edge of town where there were enemy guns and tanks. Six red smoke bursts fell about 200 yards NE of the town's edge, so Squadron bombed according to the verbal instructions. Controller called to say "Good Show." Thirteen bombs in the target area, 2 wide, and 1 hang-up fell in Echts (F0742) among our troops, but Instand said no damage was done. Good concentration of bombs was obtained. Instand # 3 then asked them to strafe town of Hoven. One Flight did so and set fire to a house. Enemy troops were in the town. The mission next was requested to use their rockets on a string of 12-15 positions extending from (F07495) to (F090496) along the north side of the Hitler highway. 6-7 hits were claimed, with 3 gun positions claimed as destroyed. At least 2 of these claims were at (F08495) where the guns beneath an underpass. Two (2) rockets were returned to base because the Squadron Leader thought they had hung-up. No malfunction involved. Squadron was then requested to attack enemy tanks. RESULTS: Purple Flight damaged 2 tanks at (F0945); ITS VIECK and FORTNEY damaged 2 tanks at (F0949) and Flight destroyed 1 tank at (F085436). All tank targets were revealed through the courtesy of SEASCOPE. There were still 12-15 enemy tanks around, but Flak was increasing so LT IVEY called Sweepstakes and reported that he was taking the pilots home.
- F. (F085436) Heavy, weak, accurate.
(F0945) Light, intense, accurate.
- G. Our tanks seen within the town of Echts (F0742)
Radio distortion caused by weather.
- H. 9.10 cumulus - base 3500-4000 - visibility unlimited.
- SUMMARY: On this, our first successful rocket mission, following pilots each destroyed an enemy gun position with rocket fire. ITS VIECK, RALSTON, and FORTNEY.

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OFSFLASH # 1, 12 December 1944

- A. OC # Y21-11
Radar Mission supporting Disco; Buskirchen (F3429) to be hit 15,000' - 200LPH
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron
- C. TU 1436, IFI 1520, TOT 1540, IFO 1600, TD 1638.
- D. Nil
- E. 12 x 2 x 500 SF 1/10 - 1/100
Called Sweepstakes upon setting course, were ordered to Disco, but couldn't get in so went to maritime # 1 on order of Sweepstakes. Maritime vectored the Squadron to the target area and was giving the count sequence for the release when reception was broken up by some Allied plane asking for homing. CAPTAIN MASON continued the count sequence himself and the rest of the pilots released on him. One pilot in the last flight observed 3-4 hits on a RR running NW to SE. This point thought to be at (P-315000). Balance of the bombs fell just North and Northwest of the above indicated point.
- F. F3429 - heavy, moderate to intense, accurate.
- G. Two contrails seen at 1952 hours at about 25,000 feet. One coming from vicinity of Bonn, the other from vicinity of Bonn. Headed NW.
- H. 9/10 Stratus base 15-2000 feet; tops 6000 feet - visibility unlimited on top, but very poor looking straight down. Very hazy and silky in the target area. Fleecy cloud layers.

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MISSION REPORT

OFSFLASH # 1, 13 December 1944

- A. OO # Y21-8 -584
Radar Mission to Euskirchen, Lt Ivey leading.
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron - Nil aborts.
- C. TU 1403, TOT 1500, LFO 1600, TD 1630
- D. Nil
- E. 12 x 2 x 500 CP 1/10 - 1/100
Nil
Number Two Man in Lead Flight released his bombs late as he could not do so electrically but had to do so manually.
- F. 1) Nil
2) Heavy and Light, moderate at target area.
- G. Marmite picked our Squadron up after being airborne 20 minutes and vectored them to the target. At one time he asked the Squadron to do a 180 turn which was performed in as much as he didn't like the first approach. Lt Ivey received two negative answers on questions concerning bomb results; and position of Marmite I. A 25 minute recy up to an altitude of 26,000 feet was performed uneventfully. At no time was our Squadron Leader aware of his location and he guesses it was somewhere in the vicinity of Euskirchen.
- H. Overcast - 8000 tops reaching down to 2 and 1 thousand feet. Clear above unlimited visibility. $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ mile visibility below. Scud moving in at a thousand feet, heavy haze.

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OPSPFIASH # 2, 13 December 1944

- A. OO Y21-9, ZC-61 Mission, Lt Caldwell leading
Leaflets
Target: F1133, F1127, F0425, F0221.
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fight Squadron. Three A/C
dispatched -- no aborts.
- C. TU 1403, LFI 1448, TOT 1452, LFO 1507, TD 1542.
- D. Nil
- E. 3 x 4 ZC-61
All in target area.
Bombs were dropped as briefed at F1133, F0425, F0221.
Briefed target F1127 was overshot with bombs landing at
F085315.
- F. 1) Nil
2) F103502, Heavy, weak, accurate as to altitude.
F101270, Light, moderate, inaccurate.
- G. Our pilots accomplished the mission and returned home
without incident without any information of any value.
- H. Haze up to 5000 feet -- Down Sun visibility 4 to 5 miles;
Up Sun 2 miles. Scattered patches of strato-cumulus,
7/10 - 2-5000 feet.

The ninth bomb was dropped at F085315.

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MISSION REPORT

OPSWFLASH # 1, 14 December 1944

- A. OO # V21-3
Armed Recy 78th Infantry and 8th Infantry Foundation and Stanza at Roetgen, Germany.
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron. Nil Aborts.
- C. TU 1334, LFI 1410, TOT 1415, LFO 1520, TD 1616.
- D. Nil
- E. 8 x 2 x 500GP--1/10 -1/100
4 x 2 x Rockets 5" Mark I
Rockets were all brought back in as much as no target could be found for them. 14 bombs dropped in target area, one dropped off and one was brought back to base.

F115331 Widgegen one flight dropped it's bombs after the target was marked with red smoke and Foundation reported excellent results. Visual results indicated destruction of several buildings in the SW portion of the town and a direct hit on the RR line. The next flight dropped it's 6 bombs at F0126 with good results reported. The clouds moving to obscure visual reports. At this time one of the pilots had difficulty with his plane and lost one bomb regaining control of it brought one back to base.

- F. 1) Nil
2) F115331, Light, moderate inaccurate - accurate as to Altitude. F0126, Light, moderate and accurate as to altitude.
- G. At a point in and about F127354 - 3 bursts of smoke, 2 dark in color, one white came up to an altitude of about 8000 feet, traveled a horizontal area of about 4 miles to the ground. This smoke came up as such and did not burst at that altitude. The direction it took was S to W, E to W, and SE to NW. One of our Squadrons was supposed to have gone down to investigate it. A concentration of troops and vehicles were located in a quarry and called in to Sweepstake but were identified as our own. No other information of value.
- H. Over target area, layer of strato-cumulus. 600' - 8/10. Visibility 5 miles. Haze up to 6000 feet.

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CPSFLASH # 1, 15 December 1944.

- A. OO # Y21-8
Close Support with Foundation and Starna at Rotgen K9229.
- B. 308th Fighter Group, 399th Fighter Squadron
12 P-47's dispatched, nil aborts.
- C. TU 1018, LFI 1030, TCF 1145, IFO 1200, TD 1240.
- D. Three (3) Cat "A" Flak, Lt's Snyder, Hays, Nesting.
- E. 4 x 4 x Rockets Mark 1 "A" 5"
8 x 2 x 500 GP 1/10 - 1/40
Squadron contacted Sweepstakes who gave them a target at F029239, a concentration of Tanks. Took a look, but could not get below the overcast, so were sent to work with Disco # 1. He vectored them all over the Rhine Area, finally putting them on a GLO heading until he called to ask them where they were. After a little more by-play, he gave them a 100. In the vicinity of F013610, they were clobbered by heavy Flak which caused LT KESTER to drop his bombs and the rest of the two flights bombed on his release. Three of the planes were hit. Two (2) bombs were dropped at F1630. Two of the first 14 were dropped safe. All rockets were returned to base. Disco appeared to be unprepared to handle a "500" mission and was very uncertain as to SOP.
- F. JULICH heavy, moderate, accurate.
- G. At 1110 hours a V-1 was seen at K7531 at about 2-3000 feet, going West, when it suddenly nosed up and went into the ground with a terrific explosion when it landed in an open field.

A high contrail was seen coming from the vicinity of BONN at 1140 hours at 20,000 feet, heading West as it arched over.
- H. 10/10 stratus base 1200 tops 3000 feet; hazy visibility excellent on top, very poor beneath.

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MISSION REPORT

OPSFLASH # 2, 15 December 1944

- A. OO # Y21-10
Leaflet Mission, Rotgen, Germany.
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron
4 P-47's dispatched, nil abort.
- C. TU 1045, LFI 1115, TOT 1121, IFO 1129, TD 1211.
- D. Nil
- E. 3 ZC-61 Bombs
6 ZC-73 Bombs
Contacted Sweepstakes, who sent them to "B" Channel where they were vectored to their target area. While flying a heading of 000 degrees they were given the release count and dropped the bombs from an altitude of 10,000 feet between points estimated to be (F-0617) and (F-0624) while flying from South to North. Bombed through the overcast. Only assurance that they were over the bomb line was Sweepstakes' "OK!" One (1) ZC 61 hung up and fell off in the 368th Fighter Group's area during landing pattern.
- F. Nil
- G. Nil
- H. 10/10 stratus, top 4-5000 feet - visibility 5 miles plus. No report on the base as they did not go beneath the layer.

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OPSFLASH # 1, 17 December 1944

A. CO # - Y21-3
St Vith (P8508) Supporting VIII Corps, Armed Recon.

B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron

C. TU 1139, IF1 1210, TOT 1230 IFO 1400, TD 1410

D. Nil

E. 4 x 4 x Rockets 5" Mark I AR
3 x 2 x 500 GP 1/10 - 1/40
12 bombs jettisoned @ P9393 (safe)
2 bombs jettisoned @ J4951 (")

All rockets returned to base

Squadron contacted "mistdrive" on "D" channel and was requesting to have the planes recon the area along the road leading west from Schonberg (P915875). Just as the two bottom flights noticed enemy movement in this area, the top cover flight called that bandits had been contacted about 5 miles north of the target area. LT GARDY, leading the top flight had spotted about 12 to 15 He 109's flying at 13,000 feet, while he was below them at 11,000 feet. He tried to climb to engage them but the enemy continued to climb away from our flight and our pilots finally abandoned the chase when they lost the Jerries in the clouds about 25 miles inside Germany. Chase was concluded at 22,000 feet. The "Bandit" call had caused the two flights to jettison their bombs before they were able to use them against the enemy vehicles seen at SEICHEN. About 3 or 4 tanks and several M/T's were observed moving west from this town.

Hunter Role, located at MUNSCHEN K941, called, asking for assistance from any aircraft in the air. Unable to assist him.

F. F0403 to F0685 - Light, intense, accurate. Heavy, moderate accurate.

G. Our yellow panels seen at SMFZ P915875 and to a point 2 miles East of there where enemy vehicles were being engaged. Squadron observed other P-47's working on the enemy vehicles.

H. 9/10 - stratus - base 9000 feet. Visibility 7 plus miles.

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OPFLASH # 1, 16 December 1944

- A. CO # Y21-9
Close Support to 26th Infantry Division "HOPCLIFT" at WILTZ P7054
Recy in F4070 to L4040.
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron
- C. TU 0921, TOT 1020, TD 1102.
- D. NIL
- E. 4 x 4 x Rockets 5" Mark I AR
12 x 2 x 500 GP inst - 1/40
All bombs and rockets returned to base.

Squadron went out on course at 4-5000 feet for about 20 minutes when they began to climb through the overcast to 8,000 feet where Sweepstakes told them to continue on. Remained at this altitude on instruments until Sweepstakes told them that they were at a point 5 miles South of the rendezvous. Squadron then headed West where they tried to come in under the soup, but were unable to make as their altitude was 600 feet and they were heading into mountainous country and the ceiling gave no indication of raising. Pilots logged one (1) hour of instrument time.

- F. NIL
- G. NIL
- H. 10/10 cumulus - stratus. Base, deck. Top, 16,000 feet. Visibility --- 0.

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MISSION REPORT

OPSFLASH # 2, 18 December 1944

- A. OO # Y21-3 (Rockets)
Scramble Mission to meet enemy tank movement between Stavelot (K-7202) and Monschau (K-9913)
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron - 4 P-47's
- C. TU 1246; TOT 1400; TD 1520.
- D. Nil
- E. 4 x 4 x Rockets - 5" Mark I AR
All rockets returned to base
The Flight went into the target area on the deck, passing over Liege and following the river South. The weather was unfavorable, with a cloud layer laying on the deck and forcing the pilots up to 7,000 feet before they could break into the clear. No enemy activity was seen in the open area West of the bomb/line. Unable to render any support, the mission returned to base.
- F. KC210, Light, weak, inaccurate
- G. 7-8 bursts of smoke seen on the ground at K9519. The while stuff covered an area about 200 yards in extent, running North and South and drifting about 200 yards West. 7-8 Artillery flashes were seen coming from dug-in positions along the RR at K930125. The guns were firing to the East, but the pilots could not observe the target. 15-20 RR cars seen at same point. Our troops were observed to be in MONSCHAU. A Red flare was fired at our A/C at 1400 hours in vicinity of F3012.
- H. 10/10 stratus base, deck; top, 6,000 feet, with another layer above that. At about 8-9000 feet visibility was good on top.

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MISSION REPORT

CPS FLASH # 3, 18 December 1944

- A. OO # Y21-3
Ground Support Mission with Hopcraft at P7153. Major Sparks leading.
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron
12 P-47's dispatched, nil abortive
- C. TU: 1246; TOT 1320; TD 1520.
- D. Nil
- E. 12 x 2 x 500 GP Inst - 1/40
All these bombs were returned to base
The mission went out over the cloud layer and flew by instruments on the course to Hopcraft for 30 minutes when Major Sparks noticed a hole in the overcast and went down to investigate. A column of friendly vehicles was seen in the town of Houffalize at P6172. There were cerise panels on the road and vehicles which were coming into the town from the N and leaving through the S; there were some British military lorries amongst our own M/T's. Leaving this area, the Squadron proceeded towards the position of Hopcraft, but were unable to be of any assistance due to the clouds which at this point had built up to 12 thousand feet. They orbited the area for a little while and contacted Marmite who vectored the mission northwards to the general vicinity of Aachen in order to help Tropic Squadron which was involved in a fight. Upon arriving here our pilots found the fight over and Tropic Squadron well on the way home. As the weather did not permit any operations in this area the Squadron returned home with it's bombs.
- F. 1) Nil
2) South of Aachen (exact location undetermined) Light, meager, inaccurate.
- G. A friendly convoy of various vehicles was seen going through the town of Houffalize P6172 at 1315 from the N to S. Cerise panels were observed on the roads and vehicles which included some identified as British. Weather made observation anywhere else impossible.
- H. 10/10 coverage stratus with base on the deck and tops 4500 to 13000 feet, altitude increasing eastwards. Visibility on top excellent.

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MISSION REPORT

OPERATION # 1, 23 December 1944

- A. C-47 41-41 51st 5 (19th TAC)
15 C-47's dispatched, all aborts
- B. 100th Fighter Group, 395th 4-1st Air Squadron
- C. 0010 - 1005 - 1015 - 1110 - 1140
- D. Nil
- E. 11 x B x 500 at 1/10 - 1/40
4 x 4 x rockets 8" each
The rockets were returned when they landed at 4-30 and were disposed of in the second mission. The 500 pounds were dropped on lots of opportunity. All bombs in the area. Areas which in at 15000 - Marshalling yards was attacked and 15 bombs were dropped destroyed three locomotives, 15 rail wagons and damaged 15 others. The second hit was on a train (Locomotive). The last six bombs were dropped on a train (Locomotive) - no results reported to me.
- F. 1) Nil
2) Over (10300) light, int. sec, inaccurate
- G. This was an ordinary mission and the pilots did not have anything to report other than that it was a milk-run.
- H. Over target -- went up to 2000 feet - 100

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MISSION REPORT

CPT/ASST 2, 13 December 1944

- A. CG 4351-4 (Alpaw 2 (10th CAS))
- B. 508th Fighter Group, 315th Fighter Squadron
12 P-47's dispatched, all abortive
- C. 1435 - 1450 - 1455 - 1459 - 1455
- D. Two P-47 - Lt BAISBY and Lt POISE have not returned to this field at the time of this report.
Lt POISE landed at A-73 and has so reported to this field.
One pilot, Lt POISE has been KIA.

	AIRCRAFT DESTROYED	Damaged
Lt BAISBY	4 P-47 100's	1 P-47 100
Lt POISE	1 P-47 100	"
Lt WYATT	1 P-47 100	"
Lt SMITH	2 P-47 100	1 P-47 100
Lt WATLAND	2 P-47 100 & 1 P-47 100	1 P-47 100
Lt HARRIS	1 P-47 100 & 2 P-47 100	"
Lt ALDRIDGE	1 P-47 100 & 1 P-47 100	"
* Lt POISE	1 P-47 100	2 P-47 100

- 1. 3 x 2 x 500 HP 1/10 - 1/10
4 x 4 x 5" Mark 1 Rockets
Rockets attached over enemy territory just before engaging in dogfight. The rockets were fired at the enemy planes.
- 2. 1) 59 plus P-47 100's and P-47 100's bounced over German area
Pilot Airframe was 1000 at 15,000 feet. These P-47 100's
were short cased, blue headed and there was nothing
was all about the 100's. In the dogfight which ensued
claims are recorded under appropriate headings. An in-
teresting sidelight is the fact that Lt WATLAND destroyed
one P-47 by ramming. Pilot Airframe located at 10290.
- 2) Fuel - heavy, rolling, inaccurate.
Drift A/D - light, intense, inaccurate.
- 3. The dogfight took place over the A/D of these enemy A/C,
with the P-47 coming out of the sun. The White Clares noted
in previous engagements were seen again just before the
dogfight took place. The light at dusk during this field
kept flying throughout the engagement. No other information
of value to report.
- 4. Same up to 5000 feet - same over top.

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* Lt POISE made an emergency landing at another field
and returned the following day making the above claims.

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MISSION REPORT

OPERATION 1, 24 December 1944

- A. CO # 451-4
Class Report # 104 - 2nd Infantry Division AIRBORNE sector.
- B. 308th Fighter Group, 308th Fighter Squadron
- C. 1008 - 3150 - 1037
- D. Nil

11 x 1 x 500 of 1/10 - 1/10
 3 x 2 x 500 of 1/10 - 1/10
 2 bombs returned to base.

The Squadron leader CAPTAIN [redacted], was unable to contact a Controller, so received the target area leading to targets of opportunity. Upon completion of the mission at 1037 (31) and returning 3150 from the vicinity, they attacked with bombs and strafed. 1037 destroyed a tank with his bombs. The remainder of the bombs were scattered throughout the area to the immediate area, and three (3) bombs were seen to land on the road near the tank. If 1037 destroyed a tank by strafing some place.

1. P2207 Heavy, weak, inaccurate
 P237220 Light, moderate, inaccurate
 P2111 Light and heavy, moderate, inaccurate.

The town of COMBON P237220 was observed to be burning and it was thought that 1037 was located about 200 yards SW of the town. 10 - 15 vehicles were seen to be carrying 100 P2111.

A large ball of fire was seen on the ground in the yard of a house at P237220. Twenty feet in dia. with the material about 3 feet in width.

A large fire was seen on the ground at P24400. About 200 feet long, with crossarms about 50 feet in length.

A tank was seen to burst into flames at P237220. The cause was not observed.

1. CAP - Day, visibility into the sun, 6 miles. Unlimited down-sun.

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MISSION REPORT

OPERATION 71, 25 December 1944

CC: WFL-4, 18th CAS Controller (WFL-4)
 Armed Base, Salzburg, St. Vith, Wiltz.

1. 385th Fighter Group, 385th Fighter Squadron
 1 P-47 100% engine out.

2. LOSS - 1103 - 1115 - 1800 - 1850

3. 1 Out "AC" 40 ft. High-Alt.
 1 P-47 100% engine out, 1 P-47 100% engine out and killed out.
 Seen to land safely at 201000.

4. 4 x 4 x Rockets 5.7 in. 1 AI
 2 x 3 x 500 lb 1/10 - 1/10
 3 x 2 x 500 lb 1/10 - 1/10
 4 Rockets returned to base
 7 Rockets returned to base

5. 1st Lt. contacted 11000 who were then a group at 20500
 columns of enemy equipment moving east. Target was attack-
 ed with bombs, rockets and strafing. All 31 bombs were
 laid on the road along the 1/10 and several vehicles be-
 tween a point (P-47) and (P-47) with 10 1/10's claimed
 as destroyed. One rocket was fired at a tank, but missed.
 Four rockets were fired at enemy light tank position with
 10 1/10's destroyed; P-47's destroyed, 1 P-47 damaged;
 1 P-47 destroyed; P-47's; 1 P-47 damaged; 1 P-47 damaged;
 1 P-47 destroyed, 1 P-47 damaged, 1 P-47 destroyed, 1 P-47
 damaged, 1 P-47 damaged.

6. 1st Lt. 11 vehicles destroyed, 3 damaged. The bombs
 were all reported as being direct hits or very near misses.

7. 1st Lt. observed 10 P-47's. 10 vehicles destroyed
 about 10 miles south of 20500. 10 attached, at
 on the tail of an 1/10, but immediately went into a spin
 because of the flat terrain previously suffered in the wire.
 Just as the 1/10 slipped on 20500 tail a Squadron of 10
 P-47's joined the fight and chased the 1/10 off. 1/10
 fired, but not to strikes.

8. 1st Lt. - light, intense, inaccurate
 heavy, real, accurate.

9. Four or five P-47's were seen to be shot down by enemy
 flak and 1/10's in the area between 1000 and 2000.
 Black bursts of 40 ft. flak seen exploding at 20 - 300
 feet in the target area. Two large, white streaks going
 up to 15,000 feet seen exploding above the P-47's with
 white and black, and some pink and yellow bursts. About
 10 irregular contrails seen ascending to 20,000 feet and
 drifting westward between 1045 and 1115 hours over 20500
 area.

10. CASW - heavy, stratus at 18,000 feet - visibility unlimited.

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OPERATION 1, 27 December 1944

1. WS1-4
Armed Recon - Caliber, St With, Stavelot
2. 300th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron
12 P-47's dispatched
3. 1300 - 1330 - 1410 - 1430 - 1530.
4. One (1) P-47 Cat "AC" at STAVELOT.

5. 3 x 3 x 500 GP 1/10 - 1/10
3 x 2 x 500 GP 1/10 - 1/10
The Squadron did not work with any Controller, but found plenty of target of opportunity. 14701 31413 destroyed two 1/1's at P761339 with 3 bombs; 3 bombs at P005440 in the town of STAVELOT got good explosions and made hits on several buildings there. Personnel and AA in the town. One 1/1 was destroyed. Nine bombs at 1854008, destroyed 2 1/1's in a column of 4-5 vehicles. One bomb at P332021 went on an AA position with TAC. Two bombs at P332005 destroyed 2 1/1's, and damaged 2 1/1's in a convoy of about 10 vehicles. Three bombs were returned to base for failure to release. Three at P0041. P157134 destroyed one tank. P157134 destroyed 1 tank at P332003 with 3 bombs. Four to five bombs at P375100 with TAC results landing among a group of buildings.
SUMMARY: Lt STUBBS destroyed 1 1/1 at P332007; Lt WILLIAMS damaged 4 tanks at P374005; Lt GIBB damaged 1 1/1 P3790.

1. St With P3503, heavy, weak, inaccurate
P3751, light, moderate, inaccurate
2. All, except that small scale over activity was noted in the entire target area, with emphasis on traffic moving generally westward.
3. No weather at the target with exception of ground haze which limited visibility to 3 miles.

GENERAL SUMMARY:

3 1/1's destroyed
3 1/1's damaged
2 tanks destroyed
4 tanks damaged

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OPERATION # 1, 27 December 1944

1. CC # 51-5
 Transported Cases SW (St Vit's) 27779, 27872, 28200.
 RE EARLY leading.

2. 348th Fighter Group, 305th Fighter Squadron
 12 P-47's dispatched, all alerts.

3. 1010 - 1040 - 1000

4. One (1) P-47 out "A" Light AA.

5. NII
 W. 27779: This was a strafing mission and no bombs (1070) were loaded. A total of 10 motor transport, two motorcyles, two armored cars, two staff cars, and claimed destroyed. An observation tower at 28372 was worked over. No aircraft at 28372 and no aircraft were strafed but our pilots believed this area to be empty.

IN AMB: 4 1/2 ts
 IN SW 348: 3 1/2 ts
 IN CAMPBELL: 2 1/2 ts, 2 Staff Cars
 IN CASE: 2 1/2 ts
 IN 12: 1 1/2 ts and 2 Motorcycles
 IN 21: 1 1/2 ts and 2 Armored Cars
 IN 28372 AND 28373: 1 each each car.

6. None of all claimed destroyed. IN SW 348 alerts are late-
 aral 7/8/

7. 1) NII
 2) It with, heavy, weak, inaccurate
 light, moderate, inaccurate
 Some light stuff was picked up in strafing and light
 areas fire can be expected in the SW 348 area.

8. The observation tower is reported because it's destruction is not certain and it is un-related at 28372. Our pilots report and I gather from their discussion that throughout the area of flight, enemy transportation facilities are driving along the extreme sides of the roads to secure the protection of trees. It appears that other strafing missions in this general area are fairly certain to cross enemy convoys.

9. GWT over target. North of SW: Clouds 3-4000 feet, 8/10.
 Visibility 15 plus miles.

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MISSION REPORT

001145 Z C, 23 December 1944

1. CG 451-C
Area 3 reconnaissance (Newfalise - Texceller area)
Captain Lazar leading.
2. 400th Fighter Group, 370th Fighter Squadron
12 P-47's dispatched, 11 returns.
3. 140 - 1450 - 1440 - 1440 - 1410.
4. One P-47 Cat "A" Light AA
One P-47 Cat "B" Light AA
5. 18 x 2 x 200 50 1/10 - 1/10
One brought back to base
All bombs in target area
The first flight bombed at a point near P 473 and claims
by bombing area: 10 /'s and buildings destroyed and 10
burned. One /'s destroyed by strafing.
The second flight bombed at a point near P 473 where a
direct hit destroyed 3 /'s and what appeared to be one
steel point. See 2 *
The third flight dropped 2 bombs on the town of Bolled
F10830 and two bombs on the town of Alens F08610. There
was a great deal of light and activity in these towns and
no results reported.
BY STRAFING: 3 light and medium tanks destroyed between
the points of F08610 and F11065.
6. 1) 111
2) F08610 - F11065 Light AA, intense, accurate
F10830 (bolled) Light, accurate, inaccurate
F11065 (Alens) Light, accurate, inaccurate.
7. At P 473, Captain Lazar's flight reports that 5 or 6
bombs of caliber about 4 feet wide and 12 feet high and
one of these was destroyed.
Captain Lazar reports with hesitation that at P 473, Amer-
ican vehicles were in the area that was hit. Also near
this point and in the general area there seems to be a
large American hospital. Some Red Cross work was seen in
this vicinity.
8. 040 in target area.

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MISSION REPORT

OPSPFLASH NO 2. - 30 December 1944

- A. CO # W51-5
Armed Recon in THAK, PHU, WISUTICH area.
- B. 308th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron
10 P-47's dispatched.
- C. 1235 - 1315 - 1400 - 1410 - 1445
- D. Nil
- E. 10 x 2 x 500 GP 1/10 - 1/40
The Squadron contacted Controller "Riosaw # 2 on "A"
Channel and was vectored around the bomb-line area until
a hole in the overcast was sighted. Divebombing was ex-
ecuted from 8,000 feet. Six bombs hit a Marshalling
Yards at L420035 and LT WHELAN led 2 bombs on the single
RR line at L420035 obtaining a cut here. No hits were
secured on a train of 15 - 20 G/W's in the M/Y. CAPTAIN
Noriega laid 2 bombs on a road at L449052 and LT DICKS
put 2 bombs on a train of 15 - 20 G/W's at L 412034 head-
ing East, and damaged 3-4 G/W's therein.
- F. Nil
- G. A train of 25 - 30 G/W's was seen heading East at L391
035. It was not attacked because bombs had already
been expended.
- H. Weather in three layers. 9/10 stratus from 4,000 to
6,000 feet. 6/10 from 6500 to 7500, and 10/10 from
8,000 to 10,000 feet. Visibility ranged from 4 to 8
miles.

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MISSION REPORT

OPERFLASH # 1, December 31, 1944

- A. CO W 51-4
Armed Force Mitchell, Markenheim, Cochem.
Major Sparks leading
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 368th Fighter Squadron
Nil aborts
- C. 1318 - 1334 - 1420 - 1310 - 1551
- D. Nil
- E. 12 x 2 x 500 GP 1/10 - 1/40
One bomb hung up and brought back to base
BY BOMBING: In and about L 3846 our Squadron located about 50 plus M/T's and since Major Sparks called in Serun Squadron, we are only making claims for 25 destroyed. In this area at least 18 bombs hit the woods and road doing considerable damage to the road and the M/T's.

BY STRAFING: 14 M/T's and one Gas Truck and 2 Staff Cars dest.

FINAL TALLY: 49 M/T's destroyed, 2 Staff cars, one Gas truck, and the road torn up in at least 8 different places.
- F. 1) Nil
2) Tower. 8 to 12 heavy guns are located at the North Eastern portion of the town. Heavy, moderate, inaccurate.
- G. This was an extremely successful mission from the standpoint of enemy M/T's destroyed.

The controller was PIPSAW # 3 and our C.O. was well pleased with his efforts.

One pilot reports that the road-blocks used appeared to be old trolley cars without the cables attached.

At L 3941 one of our pilots reports there appears to be a German camp of some sort for the number of barracks and army-like quarters in this area. This target was ignored to concentrate on the first one.
- H. 10/10 - 11,000 tops, 2500 bottoms; Over tgt - 1/10 - same tops and bottoms. Visibility above 15 miles - below snowstorms and other unfavorable conditions.

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