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MISSION REPORT

OPS FLASH NO. 1, 2 November 1944

- A. Y 21-6, Divebombing Bridge and leaflet carrying mission.
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron  
12 P-47's dispatched. Nil abortive.
- C. TU: 1354 LFI: 1424 LFO: 1540 TOT: 1525 TD: 1624
- D. Nil
- E. 24x500 G.P. Inst 1/40 Tail bombs loaded. 18x500 bombs jettisoned  
6x500 returned to base.

Due to an overcast which went up to 8500 feet, our Squadron could not locate the target. Sweepstakes was contacted and vectored the Group to a point 30 miles south of Coblenz where he instructed them to release their bombs. NRO results. Due to radio difficulty, three pilots did not hear the instructions and brought their bombs back to base.

- F. (1) Bogies were reported in the Bonn area.  
(2) Dusseldorf, heavy, weak, inaccurate.
- G. There was a great deal of radio difficulty on this mission from air to air, air to ground and ground to air. This difficulty consisted of garbling, fading and inability to contact desired parties.  
Captain Bowlin reports that rockets were fired at our Group at 1432, 1445, 1455 and 1502. These rockets were seen to go into the air about 25,000 feet in height creating the same white vaporish smoke which they have in the past when enemy fighters have been encountered or have been reported. This same report is identical to several I have turned in in the past on these rocket flares. I have no information of any description concerning front line troops or enemy activity. A general opinion of the success of the mission would be negative. Our Squadron flew at an altitude of about 11,000 feet and they were at this altitude when the rockets were observed.
- H. Overcast with a top of 8500 feet; no information as to base. Vizibility about 3 miles.

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## MISSION REPORT

OPFLASH No. 2, 3 <sup>November</sup> October 1944

- A. O.O. No Y21-5  
POWERHOUSE at F-342635
- B. 368th 395th 12 P47's
- C. 1440 Nil 1634
- D. One P-47 cracked up on takeoff. (Lt Snyder CAT "A-C"  
Disposition: Service Team.
- E. 12 x 2 x 500 GP inst 1/40  
22 Bombs returned to base. Plus 2 failed to get off.
- F. Nil
- G. R/T interference in form of high pitched squeel on all Channels. Noise was negligible during periods of transmission. Occurred at all times from take-off until landing.
- H. 10/10 cumulus and cumulo-nimbus base 3,000' vis  $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 miles

SUMMARY: The mission was forced to turn back because of unfavorable weather conditions. The 11 planes participating in the mission returned their bombs to the base.

LT SNYDER bellied-in just as he was clearing the runway. He landed safely with bombs and belly tank attached, but the plane was badly damaged and is liable to be salvaged.

ROBERT L CLARK  
Captain, A.C.  
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MISSION REPORT

CPS FLASH NO. 1, 4 November 1944

- A. Y 21-8, Close Support to Hoppercraft Controller.
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron 12 A/C Detach. 8 Bombed up, 4 Top-cover.
- C. TU: 1102 LFI: 1135 TOT: 1140 LFC: 1215 TD: 1248
- D. Nil
- E. 16 x 500 GP Inst 1/AO. All in target Area.  
Hoppercraft was contacted over the town of Schmidt FO3298. Five bursts of Red Smoke was set up and our Squadron was instructed to bomb east of this point. The town of Schmidt was bombed and strafed with excellent reports. The various buildings were reported demolished and some fires started.  
Major Sparks destroyed at H/T at FO3332. He and his flight also destroyed four H/T's at FO3205.  
Final Tally: Excellent results on bombing and strafing of the town of Schmidt. Five H/T's destroyed.
- F. 1) Nil  
2) FO65210 Heavy, Weak, Moderate.  
FO3333 Light, Intense, Inaccurate.
- G. Hoppercraft was not in the town of Schmidt as Briefed but apparently somewhere west of this position. The balloons briefed were not observed. All pertinent information covered under appropriate headings.
- H. Overcast with base at 7,000' - no information on top. 5/10 Clouds, base 2,000 - 3500 tops - 6 miles visibility. Target area.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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MISSION REPORT

OPS FLASH NO. 1, 5 November 1944

- A. O.O.NO. Y 21-4  
Top cover for rail cutting mission attacking railroad bridge  
at F272575
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron, 12 P47's dsptcd  
Nil abortive
- C. 1003 1040 1045 1223
- D. Nil
- E. Nil, Squadron top-cover
- F. Heavy weak inaccurate at F 272575
- G. Contrails observed at 20,000 feet at 1050 and 1100 in the  
general areas of Euskirchen and Konigswinter (F 6231). Also  
observed by our pilots were clusters of explosives bursting  
at Coblenz over the Rhine River at 18,000 feet.
- H. 10/10 cloud coverage from 1,000 to 8,5000 feet  
Visibility, good.

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Captain, Air Corps  
Intelligence Officer

## MISSION REPORT

OP FLASH NO. 2, 5 November 1944

- A. O.O. No. Y21-4  
Bridge and rail-cutting, Target # 1 West of COLOGNE: Target  
# 2 South of COLOGNE.
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron, 12 P-47's dispatch  
Nil Abortive
- C. 1407      1447      1545      1605      1639
- D. Nil
- E. 12 x 2 x 500GP inst 1/40 tail  
All bombs in target area, a railroad fill and embankment on  
Southern edge of town of TURNICH. Captain Bowlin reports  
that the rails were cut in at least one place (F 3153)
- F. Duren - Light & heavy, intense, accurate  
F 0723-Heavy, weak, accurate
- G. Between 1500 and 1544 hours vertical contrails were seen a-  
rising from vicinity of DUSSELDORF and KOBLENZ. About 6 or  
8 of these phenomena were observed to ascend to altitudes of  
approximately 20,000 feet.
- H. CAVU over the target. Hazy into the sun with visibility of  
2-3 miles. West of LIEGE 10/10 1500 feet base, 7000 feet  
tops; stratus.

SUMMARY: Mission was unable to locate the assigned target, but  
attacked another railroad fill and succeeded in cutting the rail  
lines. Generally good dispersal was achieved.

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## MISSION REPORT

OPFLASH No. 1, 6 November 1944

- A. O.O. No. Y21-4  
Cut RR Line at (F-3529 to F-3645) "Green System" Alternate  
Target Line "F" (F-3297 to F-6518)
- B. 368th 395th 12 P47's
- C. 1204 1242 1250 1301 1344
- D. LT NOLAN made an emergency landing at Strip A-92. Flak damage to Wing.
- E. 12 x 2 x 500 GP ins 1/40  
15 bombs on RR at (F310380) one cut observed  
8 bombs on RR at (F-365383) NRO  
1 bomb jettisoned at (F-140425) NRO
- F. F-1342 Heavy moderate accurate  
F-3231 " intense "  
F-2333 " " "
- G. Nil
- H. 4/10 Cumulus Bast 2500 top 5,000 Vis: Good

SUMMARY: Mission was uneventful with the exception of a marked increase in the intensity of flak over the entire target area East of the Bomb/Line. LT. NOLAN received damage to his right wing and called that he was landing at Strip A-92. Sweepstakes called in to report that he had landed safely. Flak activity prevented the usual accuracy obtained on RR cutting missions, and also affected the observation of results obtained.

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Captain, A.C.  
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MISSION REPORT

OPFLASH NO. 2, 6 November 1944

- A. O.O. No. Y21-4  
Rail-cutting F-1350 to F-1759 (Top Cover)
- B. 368th 395th 12 P-47's
- C. 1506 1615 1701
- D. Nil
- E. Nil (top-cover)
- F. Duren Heavy, moderate, inaccurate  
Light, weak, inaccurate
- G. Nil
- H. 9/10 Strata Cirrus Base 23,000 feet Visibility good  
over target area.  
7/10 Cumulus Base 7,000 Top 9,000 Visibility good  
West of Liege.

SUMMARY: The Squadron flew top-cover at 20,000 feet altitude. Captain Mazur observed the other two Squadrons going down through the bottom cloud layer to make their attack, but did not see any results. Bandits were being called in, but no enemy interference was encountered.

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## MISSION REPORT

OPFLASH NO. 1, 7 November 1944

- A. O.O. No. Y21-5  
Warehouse at F-465107 followed by reconnaissance.
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron  
12 P-47's dispatched. Nil abortive.
- C. TU: 1205    TOT: 1255    TD: 1443
- D. Lt. Russell J. Grosjean (MIA), last seen F-465105 at 1255 hours.
- E. 12 x 2 x 500 lb inst. nose, 1/40 tail.  
23 bombs in target area. 1 bomb lost on take-off.  
Target "D" was hit and gave evidence of containing ammo. supplies  
as it began to sparkle and emit explosions.  
Targets "A" and "B" were also well covered, and small fires were  
started in these buildings.  
STRAFING: Targets "A" and "B" were successfully strafed repeat-  
edly. A radio station on top of a hill at F-488120 was heavily  
strafed, and was seen to be badly damaged.  
2 locomotives, 8 to 10 G/Ws, and 1 M/T were destroyed at F-465128.
- F. COBLENZ heavy moderate inaccurate  
" light intense accurate
- G. Nil
- H. 8/10 cumulus, base 3500' top 11000', CAVU on top.

SUMMARY: The mission was fairly successful, but was clouded by the  
apparent loss of Lt Grosjean. From all available information  
it appeared that the Lt went in on his bomb run at the target.  
Returning pilots reported that they observed a large explosion just  
south of the target, on the side of a hill, during the time that the  
first flight was bombing. Lt Grosjean was not seen thereafter during the  
subsequent strafing attacks.

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MISSION REPORT

OPFLASH NO. 1 8 November 1944

- A. O.O. No. Y21-4  
Bridge and rail cutting of the Green System; bridges at F-396056 and F-467130.
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron  
12 P-47's dispatched, nil abortive.
- C. TU: 0931 BLI: 1005 TOT: 1100 BLO: 1114 TD: 1211
- D. Nil.
- E. 12 x 2 x 500 lb, 8 sec nose, 10 sec tail.  
All bombs in the target area. Due to an overcast in the briefed target it could not be attacked. The group notified Sweepstake to this effect and our Squadron went on to hit the marshalling yards at F 215107. Here they destroyed one locomotive, cut the lines in three places with direct hits and generally clobbered the area. One flight on a strafing attack destroyed a locomotive at F 209092. There were at least 25 plus goods-wagons attached to this locomotive which were left untouched. Attack made at 1100, deck level.
- F. 1. Nil  
2. F 209092, light weak inaccurate.
- G. Due to the weather conditions no reports of any significance received. The possible exception here is the number of goods-wagons at F 209092 which are still untouched.
- H. Target area; overcast, base 1500' tops 4500', 10/10. Scattered stratus at 11000', slight haze. Throughout the other area, cloud coverage of 8/10 with a visibility of 5 plus miles.

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1st Lt, Air Corps,  
Intelligence Officer.

MISSION REPORT

OPS FLASH No 1, 11 November 1944

- A. CO No. Y21-2  
Top cover to Group flying Ground Support to 28th Infantry.
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron  
12 P-47's dispatched, nil abortive.
- C. TU: 1525 BLI: 1553 TOT: 1558 BLO: 1633 TD: 1732
- D. Nil.
- E. Nil, top cover.
- F. (1) nil  
(2) nil
- G. Due to the overcast our Squadron could not make any accurate observations. They did report that the briefed target was not bombed but that the two other Squadrons bombed railroad lines at F 4034, with unobserved results. At 1545 at an altitude of about 15000 feet, over Eupen, there seemed to be an intense jamming attempt of the radio. No further information reported.
- H. Overcast, base 4000' tops 8000', cumulus, 10/10 coverage. over the target overcast built up to 12000', many holes, coverage about 8/10. Thin cirrus at 20000', visibility 3 miles.

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## MISSION REPORT

OPS FLASH No. 1, 16 November 1944

- A. OO No. Y 21-2  
Ground Support mission with Booty, 1st Division, SE of Aachen.
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron  
16 P-47's dispatched, 2 P-47's abortive, both due to engine trouble.
- C. TU 1348; TOT 1415; TD 1601
- D. Nil
- E. 12 x 2 x 500 GP, Inst nose, 1/40 ta il.  
11 x 2 x 500 " " #  
Target was Communications center Heistein (F-009448), roads just south of the town's edge. All bombs in target area, but pilots report that results were Poor to Moderate. Extremely hazy weather conditions made bombing very difficult. No hits on roads observed.
- F. Duren to F-1438 heavy intense accurate  
F-009448 light moderate inaccurate
- G. Bandits were called in just as the Squadron was leaving the area. Reported to be heading west from the Cologne area, Red Panels were observed on the ground at K-9847 to K-9843. There is some doubt existing as to the certainty of this observation because of the poor visibility encountered.  
Enemy heavy ground Artillery position observed at F-070415. Was seen to be firing to the west. Well camouflaged, but flashes were seen. Several guns there.  
Very heavy jamming encountered on A channel. Heavy static interfered to the extent that 'Booty' could not be heard distinctly.
- H. 4/10 out to Aachen, scattered cumulus, 2000 feet top.  
Target Area: 9/10 cumulus, tops 2000 feet: visibility 1 mile or less, very hazy, milky. CAWU on top, but only one small hole was found.

SUMMARY: The mission was working with 1st Infantry Division "Booty", but was unable to render effective support because of impossible weather conditions. All bombs got away into the target assigned by the G/C, but pilots report very wide dispersal and no hits observed on the roads leading south from the small village. Extremely heavy flak encountered south of Duren.

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Captain, Air Corps  
Intelligence Officer.

MISSION REPORT

OPS FLASH No. 1, 18 November 1944

- A. CO No. Y21-2. First Infantry Division Close Support (Gressnick)
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron  
12 P-47's dispatched, nil abortive.
- C. TU 1202: LFI 1235: TOT 1245: IFO 1335: TD 1411
- D. One P-47 Cat "A" due to light AA.
- E. 12 x 2 x 500 GP Inst - 1/40 tail  
All in target area.  
Upon contacting booty, our Squadron was informed to bomb NE of the smoke laid down from them. Led by Captain Howlin, the Squadron scored at least 12 direct hits on the town of Heistern (F 012449). The results from this bombing were reported to be excellent.  
After the bombing the Squadron went on an armed recce and the various flights attacked different targets. The flight led by Lt Ivey destroyed 5 M/T's and one Jeep between F 035468 and F 032445. Lt Hayes, Element Leader in Black Flight, destroyed 2 of these M/T's, Lt Ralston one, Lt Fortney one, and Lt Ivey the remaining one.  
Captain Howlin strafed an area around F 038425 in support of tanks who were concentrating their fire in that direction with unobserved results.  
SUMMARY: 4 M/T's destroyed by strafing, and one Jeep destroyed by strafing. The town of Heistern clobbered by bombing.
- F. 1) Nil  
2) Heavy, intense, accurate at a point F 036479.
- G. Our pilots report that the town of Luchen F 039490 and Luchenberg F 040504 were being bombed by medium bombers with excellent results.  
A P-47 pilot whose plane was marked A-6 was seen to bale out safely SW of Luchen at 1240 from an altitude of 1000 feet.  
Our tanks and panels were seen in the area of F 035429. Troops and tanks were seen in force at Gressnick A 989425. Panels were also seen at Werth K 976435. Our pilots report intense artillery and tank battles throughout this region. The vehicles destroyed were painted white and some were gray in color. No unusual enemy activity seen on the highways at any time. Our pilots report that at least 2 other groups were working over this area at about the same time.
- H. One cloud layer from 4500 to 5000 feet, 8/10, 6 plus miles visibility.

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1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Intelligence Officer

MISSION REPORT

OPB FLASH No. 2, 18 November 1944

- A. CC No. 249 Alert Flight.
- B. 308th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron  
4 P-47's dispatched, nil abortive.
- C. TU 1244; TD 1315.
- D. - P. "11.
- E. The alert flight led by Captain -azur was scrambled into the air at 1244. Some difficulty was encountered contacting Sweepstake until a point near the Meuse River was reached. At this point Sweepstake was contacted and told our flight that the message was received and to return home. Nothing unusual happened. The mission was flown at altitude of 4000 feet.
- H. Clear over field. Further east, overcast base 5000 and tops from 5500 to 7000 feet; many breaks, visibility 5 plus miles.

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Intelligence Officer.

MISSION REPORT

OPS FLASH No. 1, 19 November 1944

- A. CO No - 21-2, Ground Support to Booty (K 9842) at Gressnick.
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron  
12 F-47's dispatched, nil abortive
- C. TU 0929: IFI 953: TOT 1005: IFC 1045: TD 1127
- D. Lt Charles Earls has not returned from this mission and is being carried as MIA until other information is available. Lt Fortney made a wheels-down landing at A-93 after suffering battle damage.  
Lt William Diman is claiming a FW 190 destroyed after a midair explosion (F2738)  
Lt Joseph Williams is claiming one FW 190 destroyed and one damaged (later claimed as destroyed). The first was seen to crash at K 978465.  
Lt Ralston states that he had a FW 190 smoking and heading straight down from 5000 feet which appears to give him a good basis for a destroyed FW 190 pending film development.  
Lt Caldwell is claiming one destroyed and one damaged FW 190 near Eschweiler. These dog fights all started at about 1015 at an altitude of about 5000 feet when our Squadron was bounced by at least 20 plus FW 190's which were a grayish-blue and brown in color. The dog fights began over the target assigned by Booty which was given to me as K000466. Lt Charles Earls is at present listed as MIA.
- D. 6 x 2 x 500 GP Inst - 1/40 tail      6 x 2 x 260 fragmentation bombs.  
All bombs were dropped in the target area. Booty assigned the target as K000466 and marked the Eastern and western extremities with green and white smoke, and all the bombs were dropped in this area with good reported results, with the exception of one 500 lb bomb, which was dropped on Heistern F 010450. Then Booty asked Black Flight to strafe Heistern, which they did several times without observing any targets. Just about this time the Squadron was bounced by the E/A.
- F. 1) At least 20 plus FW 190's, bluish-gray and brown in color bounced our Squadron from a superior height at about 1015 near Heistern, the dog fight scattering east and west of this region. The pilots reported that the E/A were very aggressive.  
2) Light and heavy, intense, accurate at K 950482.
- G. The rocket flare which in the past has been an indication of E/A in the vicinity was observed this morning. I briefed our pilots on this before they went out.  
The E/A were extremely aggressive.  
The enemy ground fire did not let up during the entire dog fight.  
No unusual enemy concentrations noted.  
The Target area in and about Booty's position very active with light and heavy AA.  
The information concerning Lt Earls is very meager at the present time although at about 1015 a F-47 was seen to go down smoking in the vicinity of the dog fight and we also have reports that a parachute was seen opening in the area.
- H. Weather: CAVU.

SUPPLEMENT: 2 F-47's category unknown and one F-47 which did not return due to

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E/A and AA. One pilot, upon closing in on an E/A, noticed some form of circular marking on the wing tips, but could not be sure of any colors or marks thereon.

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## MISSION REPORT

OPS FLASH No. 2, 19 November 1944.

- A. CC No Y 21-2  
Ground Support to Booby, 1st Infantry Division (K 9842).
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron.  
12 F-47's dispatched, nil abortive.
- C. TU 1402; 1FI 1430; TOT 1435; LFO 1534; TD 1610.
- D. Nil.
- E. 6 x 2 x 500 GP, Inst, 1/40.  
6 x 2 x 260 Fragmentation bombs.  
All bombs in the target area assigned by Booby. The town of Lanzenwehe at F 0348. Bombs in east section of the town. Good dispersal obtained.  
Strafing: One house set on fire at F 0348. Lt Early strafed a rocket launching position at F 023457 (ARO).
- F. F 0348 : light, intense, accurate.  
Duren southward to F 1052 : heavy, intense, accurate.
- G. Booby was seen at F 025421.  
Heavy artillery position (8 guns) at F 0348. Later bombed by the 396th Squadron with excellent results.  
Rocket launching position seen firing westward from F 023457. Rockets launched at 45° angle. Large explosion seen at point about 1 mile SW from the launching site. very close to our tank positions. The explosions were equal in size to those of 500 lb bombs.
- H. 10/10 strato-cumulus, 8500' base. Visibility 10 miles plus. Patchy layer at 7000' over the target area. Ceiling lowering to the base down to 2500' with rain encountered at Liege.

SUMMARY: Mission contacted Booby immediately and was requested to bomb the town of Lanzenwehe. Many Germans were said to be in the town. The pilots report that the bombs were laid in the town with good effect. Heavy gun positions were strafed and one house set on fire. The rocket launching position was strafed, but Lt Early could not observe the results obtained as the position was in the heavy woods. The rockets were landing within 1/2 mile of our armored positions.

ROBERT L. CLARK.  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Intelligence Officer.

MISSION REPORT

CPS FLASH No 1., 25 November 1944

- A. O.O. No. Y21-3  
Close Support Mission with the First Infantry Division, Booty (F-0049) the town of Weisweiler.
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron  
12 P-47's dispatched, one abort - radio out.
- C. TU 0917, LFI 1000, TOT 1010, LFO 1105, TD 1146.
- D. Nil
- E. 4 x 2 x 500 BP Inst - 1/40  
4 x 2 x 260 Frags  
4 x 3 Leaflets  
All bombs in target area. 2 x 260 Frags returned to Base. Booty marked target area No 1 with Red Smoke and the 395 decided that they wanted to bomb it and they proceeded to do so. Our Squadron bombed at Ceich FO59475. All the 500 pounders and Frags went into this area with excellent results reported. One 500 pound bomb which had hung up was dropped in or at FO72483 striking an unknown target which exploded and went up into flames. Some of the flights strafed during and after the bomb run while the other one did not. Leaflet bombs were dropped at the following Coordinates: F171292, F171280, F169272, F145242. The first three leaflet bombs were in the approximate area briefed and Captain Mazur reported that he dropped the last one at a position given to him by "Disco." The cloud layers interfered with the accurate placement of these leaflets.
- F. 1. Reported but not contacted.  
2. The general area in which our Squadron operated gave evidences of a lot of light flak and particularly at FO72483 the Flak was light and heavy, intense, and while it did not strike any of our Squadron; it's reported to be accurate as to height.
- G. Our panels and our vehicles were reported to be seen at the following coordinates: FO21478, FO02478, K970498. No unusual enemy concentration or activity seen. Upon arriving in the area our Squadron first disposed of their leaflets, then proceeded to bomb the target assigned by Booty, then conducted a recce of about 15 minutes in this area requested by Booty. This recce did not extend to the Rhine River. Our pilots reported numerous other groups were operating in this area causing some confusion.
- H. Visibility excellent throughout flight, some difficulty encountered because of cloud layers. Over target area, overcast base 6000' with cloud layers to 12,000' ranging from 8/10 to 10/10.

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1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Intelligence Officer

## MISSION REPORT

CPS FLASH No. 2, 25 November 1944.

- A. CC No. Y 21-3  
Close support for 1st Division. Booty at F 0049, Schwallier.
- B. 30th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron.  
12 P-47's dispatched, nil abortive.
- C. TU 1320; LFI 1355; TOT 1410; LFO 1500; TD 1533.
- D. Nil.
- E. 8 x 2 x 500 GP, Inst, 1/40  
4 x 2 x 200 fragmentation bombs.  
1 bomb jettisoned just east of Aachen (safe)  
Remaining bombs dropped on Target #2 at request of Ground Controller. Church was damaged and warehouses in the small community were badly damaged. Several fires were observed as result of attack. G/C called twice to state that results were "Excellent"  
Strafing: Target #4 was strafed with many passes at request of G/C. G/C called reporting results as "Excellent". Pilots were unable to detect any signs of enemy activity in the town, but continued to strafe the buildings and streets. Also strafed the highway leading northward from the town.
- F. P 07062 : heavy, weak, inaccurate.
- G. Gun pits observed just north of Target #4, extending along the main Super-highway. Appeared to be abandoned. Night flak type. Landits were called in as being in vicinity of Aachen.  
G/C said that he would light up the target with two (2) rounds of Red smoke but delivered four(4) rounds instead. Squadron called back, but the same performance was repeated. Artillery was overshooting the target about 100 yards, but the target was readily identified anyway. G/C was not identifying the targets over the A/T by the planned use of main re; i.e. #2 or #4.  
Gave vague general descriptions of use of geographic features.
- H. c/10 cumulus, 1500' base and 4500' tops, building up to 7500'. Visibility 10 plus miles.
- SUMMARY: The mission was successful in defectively bombing the target indicated by the G/C. Strafing was also good. The Recce flown afterwards produced no targets except a couple of ambulances at F 135534. These were called in.

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Captain, Air Corps,  
S-2, 395th Ftr. Sq.

## MISSION REPORT

OPS FLASH No. 1, 26 November 1944.

- A. CO No. Y 21-3  
Close Support mission with the 1st Infantry Division, Booby (F 0049).
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron.  
L: P-47's dispatched, no abortives.
- C. TU 1150; LFI 1228; TOT 1238; MFC 1315; TD 1355.
- D. One P-47, Cat AC (light and heavy AA)
- E. 8 x 2 x 500 GP, Inst, 1/40  
4 x 2 x 260 Fragmentation bombs.  
All bombs in the target area.  
None of the originally briefed targets were bombed as Booby assigned the target at F 080453 which was attacked. Booby reported excellent results. Our pilots assumed that this target was artillery position. This same position was strafed by one flight after the original bomb run. The other two flights strafed in the course of their bomb run.
- F. 1) Nil  
2) F 080453 : light, intense, accurate.  
F 040500 : light, moderate, inaccurate.  
F 124496 : heavy, moderate, accurate.
- G. No unusual enemy ground activity observed. Our pilots did not report seeing our troops or pansals anywhere.  
At a position north of Duren in and around F 050515 our pilots report that there were several fields full of haystacks rectangular in shape and evenly dispersed in pairs of two with tracks evident in some places. Captain Musaw spotted the artillery positions at F 040500, called them in to Booby and the 397th attacked these positions. It might be well to note that at the position previously recorded as F 124496 our pilots orbited this area for fully 15 minutes without drawing fire. This might indicate high state of mobility of these heavy guns. After the completion of their bombing and straining our pilots recceyed as far as East Bruhl before returning to the base.
- H. Base 2000', tops 8500', 6/10 coverage. Visibility above unlimited, below 2000', 5 plus miles.

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## MISSION REPORT

OPS FLASH No. 2, 26 November 1944.

- A. Y 21-3  
Close Support for 1st Division, Booty at F 0049, Weisweiler.
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron.  
12 P-47's dispatched, nil abortive.
- C. TU 1507; LFI 1540; TOT 1600; LFO 1635; TD 1704.
- D. 1 P-47, Cat A, due to flak, (Lt FORTNEY).
- E. 8 x 2 x 500 GP Inst 1/40  
4 x 2 x 260 Fragmentation bombs.  
23 bombs in target area (Target #1) JUNGERSDORF, with Booty reporting excellent results thereon. 1 bomb hung up and was dropped at F 0745. Target was small village and the pilots report that the place is veritably eliminated. Many good explosions were obtained.
- F. F 120393 Heavy, moderate, accurate.  
F 0839 Light, intense, inaccurate.
- G. No observations on the Recce, except bombing was seen at F 064424 at 1615 hours.
- H. 1/10 cumulus, 3000' base, 5500' tops. Visibility 3 miles, very hazy.

SUMMARY: The Artillery overshot the assigned target about 1 mile on the first attempt to light the area with Red smoke. Booty reported that 1 shell would be used. The second attempt was successful and landed squarely on the village. The Recce was conducted east nearly to Koln, south around Duren, and west toward Aachen.

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## MISSION REPORT

CPS FLASH No 1, 27 November 1944.

- A. CC No Y21-5  
Ground Support mission with 1st Division, booty located at F 0347 (Langerwehe).
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron.  
12 P-47's dispatched, 1 P-47 abortive due to Prop failure (Lt SMITH)
- C. TU 1203; LFI 1235; TOT 1240; IFO 1350; TD 1421.
- D. Nil.
- E. 8 x 2 x 500 GP Inst 1/40  
4 x 2 x 260 Frags.  
All frags in the town of Geicht(F 060475). At least two(2) good fires started.  
7 x 2 x 500 GPs dropped just NE of Langerwehe at F 039477. At least 9 bombs landed within the target, a factory and caused severe damage to the 15 or 16 buildings within the area. Booty smoked the target with 2 Green and 1 purple shells. fires were started and were smoking when the Squadron left the area.
- F. F 0740 : light, intense, inaccurate.  
bruhl : heavy, moderate, accurate.
- G. Contrail observed at 1235 hours coming up from the vicinity of Kollenz, in the Diver area. 2 or 3 bomber boxes (heavies) were in the vicinity at the time. Contrail was going up to around 20,000 feet.  
2 other contrails seen at 1315 hours, coming vicinity of Bonn. Ascending at 45° angle. Altitude of 18 - 20,000 feet.
- H. 7/10 strato-cumulus, base 5000, tops 7-8000 feet. Visibility good. A little haze. Heavy cumulus moving in from the west at 1345 hours. cloud cover consisted of layers.
- SUMMARY: Squadron conducted a Sweep after the bombs, but observed little enemy movement. 3 trains were seen west of Köln, but not attacked.

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## MISSION REPORT

OPS FLASH No. 1, 28 November 1944

- A. CO No Y 21-3  
Close support mission with the 1st Infantry Division; booty at Langerwehe F0347.
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron  
12 F-47's dispatched, no aborts.
- C. TU 0959; IFI 1035; TOT 1050; LFO 1130; TD 1217.
- D. One F-47, Cat "A".
- E. 8 x 2 x 500 GP Inst 1/40  
4 x 2 x 260 Frags.  
All bombs in the target area.  
Booty marked a target at Langerwehe F034475 which was a factory with one burst of red smoke at the northern extremity and a white burst at the southern extremity. This target was cluttered with 500 pounders with at least 5 direct hits. Booty reported excellent results. The second target was unmarked but was given as a troop concentration position at F 039475 and all the frags were dropped in this area with NFO results except that the dispersion was good. After the bombing was completed our Squadron led by Lt Miller started the recce east of Duren but were called back by Booty to intercept 5 tanks which were supposed to have left the factory and were heading in the direction of Luchem at F 039492. Although they orbited this area for some time and strafed in this vicinity, they were unable to locate these tanks.
- F. 1) Nil.  
2) Duren : heavy, moderate, accurate.  
In the vicinity of Luchem F 039492, after orbiting this area for some time, a veritable blanket of flak from 50' to 6000' was thrown up apparently after the enemy artillery crews in this vicinity had time to zero our planes. This was light, intense and accurate.
- G. 8 cubs were reported to be directly over the target which in the opinion of our pilots is unusual.  
Cerise panels reported in the town of Langerwehe, and many other of our panels due west of this position as well as in the large woods due south.
- H. Over the target, 2/10, 3000 to 4500. 10 miles south of the target, overcast 3000 to 4500, 10/10. Further east overcast with base at 11,000'. Visibility 8 plus miles.

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## MISSION REPORT

OPS FLASH No. 1, 29 November 1944.

- A. OO No. X 51-5  
Escorting B-26's to Limburg, Germany (M 2398)
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron.  
12 P-47's dispatched, nil abortive.
- C. TU 1433; TOT 1503; TD 1641. (Briefed R/V 1503)
- D. Nil.
- E. Nil.
- F. 1) Nil.  
2) 25 bursts of heavy flak were thrown up at the bombers near the target area but our pilots could not pin-point the position of the guns because of their height and because of an overcast.
- G. R/V was made on time and our Squadron led by Captain MAZUR provided cover to the target area. I could not get any results of bombing from our pilots because there is some disagreement as to whether or not the bombers hit at the assigned target through the overcast or not. Path-finders were seen and some of the pilots observed window being dropped. Capt MAZUR stated that our Squadron stayed at 1600 feet throughout the mission. When the bombers turned to go home our Squadron continued to provide cover until 1615 not leaving the bombers until they were well within friendly territory. No information of interest to report.
- H. Overcast at 10,000 feet at the target area. Cannot report base. Visibility unlimited.

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## MISSION REPORT

OPS FLASH No.1, 30 November 1944

- A. CC No. Y 21-2  
Close Support mission working with Disco 1.
- B. 366th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron  
12 P-47's dispatched, nil abortive.
- C. TU 1050; 1PI 1055; TOT 1130; 1FO 1155; TD 1238.
- D. One P-47, Category "A", due to flak (Lt Bergman)  
One P-47, Category "A", due to flak (Lt Jenkes)
- E. 8 x 2 x 500 HP Inst 1/40  
4 x 2 x 260 Fragmentation Bombs.  
All frags dropped on gun position at F 3120. Destroyed.  
All 500 pounders dropped on train of flat cars at F 3120. At least three direct hits on the train, with the rest "Near Misses". Cars contained about twenty (20) tanks.  
STRAFIN: Two (2) locomotives destroyed at F 3120; at least 10 tanks destroyed, and the remainder damaged.  
Lt Jenkes destroyed 1 A/V and damaged another in the same area.
- F. F 3120 light weak accurate  
F 3130 heavy weak inaccurate
- G. Small puffs of material resembling balls of cotton the size of a coconut were seen drifting downward from altitudes of 5000 feet. Some were seen just above the deck. Appeared to be coming from heavy flak bursts. Not many were seen, but the few available specimens were sufficient evidence to be seen by most of the pilots on the mission.  
A few scattered vehicles were seen in the woods immediately east of the target. Not camouflaged but well dispersed.
- H. 10/10 strato cumulus, 1200 to 7500' (three layers) Visibility 4-5 miles.

SUMMARY: Mission was ordered out to support booty, but weather was completely soaked in. Disco 1 took over and vectored the Squadron to the target which was described as being about twenty (20) tanks. The pilots found the tanks, but discovered that they were sitting on flat cars. Lt Nesting's flight dropped their frags on the adjacent gun position, silencing it. Lt Nolan put his flight with 500s on the train with very good results. The Squadron then followed Colonel Douglas in, beating up the tanks and locos by strafing. Two, Cat "A" from flak.

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## MISSION REPORT

OPS FLASH No. 2, 30 November 1944.

- A. OO No. Y 21-2  
Close Support mission working with the ground controllers.
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron.  
12 P-47's dispatched, nil abortive.
- C. TU 1431; LFI 1500; TOT 1515; LFO 1555; TD 1634.
- D. Nil.
- E. 8 x 2 x 500 GP INST 1/40  
4 x 2 x 260 Fragmentation bombs.  
All bombs in the target area.  
Per instructions of Organ two flights dropped their 500 pound bombs on artillery positions in the town of Gey at F 0740 with excellent results. The flight carrying frags dropped them on Eggersheim with fair to poor results. This was also artillery positions with two men overshooting into the town itself and the other two men undershooting by some 40 yards.  
Strafing in the course of the bomb run.
- F. 1) Nil.  
2) Duren : light, intense, inaccurate as to our squadron.  
Gey (F 0740) : light, moderate, inaccurate.  
Some light flak was thrown up at the Squadron from the wooded area SE of Duren.
- G. Our pilots report that our own troops are throwing a terrific artillery barrage at the enemy from a position SW of Eschweiler. Our pilots further report that the flat lands east of Duren seem to be covered with haystacks which appear to house enemy equipment because of the number of tracks leading to and fro. No other information.
- H. Over the target area, some light stratus, haze up to 8000'. East of the target area, overcast at 4 - 6000', 10/10 coverage. Visibility 10 plus miles.

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