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OLDFLASH # 1 - 3 April 1945

- A. 00 # J29-S - Route Reccy to Kassel to Nordhausen.
Major MURRAY, LTS VIECK, BERGMAN and DICKS.
- B. 336th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron
16 P-47's dispatched - 3 abortive: 2 Engine trouble and
1 Radio out.
- C. 1314 - 1715 - 1815 - 1921
- D. Nil
- E. No bombs were carried. The Squadron conducted an armed
Recce in the area assigned above an almost solid overcast.
The controller GULLOSE vectored the flight to a train at
D1237 but it was not found due to weather. En route E of
Limbourg - the Squadron varied their course to avoid re-
turning RAF bombers (this is the bomber group that this
Squadron was to have to escorted in an earlier mission --
subsequently scrubbed).
- F. Nil
- G. Our troops (motorized) were seen headed toward Gotha
from NW at J0062.
- H. 8 to 10/10 stratus in layers from 3000 to 12,000 feet
North and East of Frankfurt.

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MISSION REPORT

CBSFLAK # 1 - 4 April 1945

- A. CO # J29-6 - Armed Reccy to Weimar area. Major MUMAW and
LTS BERGMAN, RIEGAN and VIECK leading.
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron
16 P-47's dispatched, nil aborts
- C. 0805 - 0910 - 0945 - 1105
- D. Nil
- E. No bombs were carried. The Squadron flew above a 10/10's
overcast throughout the Reccy. Very few holes were pre-
sent. Major MUMAW'S flight made a couple of passes at a
locomotive in a R/Y in a small town somewhere in the vic-
inity of Saafeld J5733. It was well strafed but the extent
of damage is unknown.
- F. Nil
- G. A locomotive and three cars was observed going W at J6067.
Weather prevented them being strafed.
- H. 10/10 overcast with 9500 feet tops from the Moselle River
to the target area.

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OSTFLASH # 2 - 4 April 1945

- A. OC # J29-6 - Armed Recon - Gotha to Weimar - Lts McCROME, FOLTZ, DICKS leading
- B. 395th Fighter Squadron - 368th Fighter Group
12 I-47's dispatched - nil aborts
- C. 1306 - 1445 - 1530 - 1627
- D. Nil
- E. No bombs were carried. The Squadron strafed a locomotive and 15 cars (8 box and 7 ore) going E at J1838. Claim locomotive destroyed - 2 box cars damaged. Weather and flak prevented further strafing.
- F. 1) Nil
2) Intense (barrage) light at Saalfeld J0834
Meager, inaccurate, Light and Heavy at W 6032
- G. One locomotive and 15 ore cars going E and 2 trains, locomotive and 12 cars each, going NW out of Saalfeld J0834. There were 10-15 locomotives and 100 plus box and ore cars in the L/Y of Saalfeld. Blast furnaces in the vicinity were in operation. Most of the locomotives were pointed E or NW. Flak barrage prevented an attack on this target. There were a few scattered vehicles generally heading E on the road network SE of Saalfeld.

Four F-47's of a suspicious nature flying W at W6030 - 4000 feet - 1530 hours with no identification letters or markings on them. Three of the planes were OD jobs and one was silver. One of the OD jobs had a bubble canopy. One OD job had an iron cross on the side of the fuselage. The pilots slouched down in their seats appearing to avoid recognition. They flew straight and level until our flight came closer to investigate at which they pulled up into the clouds. Our boys are convinced that they are German operated aircraft.
- H. 10/10 overcast - varying in layers from 3000 to 12,000 feet with a few holes.

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OPFLASH # 3 - 4 April 1945

- A. 00 J29-6 - Armed Recon - Gotha to Weimar. CAPTAIN CARLSON, LT BERGMAN and LT RITZ leading.
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron
12 P-47's dispatched - all aborts
- C. 1717 - 1800 - 1900 - 2015
- D. Nil
- E. No bombs were carried. The Squadron found a hole in the overcast and strafed a small airdrome (grass-strip) believed to be in the vicinity W of Stadtilm J4848. Six twin-engine aircraft were observed already on fire in the dispersal areas. Two dummy aircraft were destroyed by CAPTAIN CARLSON as the only claims for the day. There was no activity on the field.
- F. Nil
- G. Our troops were seen moving East out of Arnstadt J2553.
- H. 10/10 overcast from 3500-9000 feet in layers with very few holes.

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OPERATION # 2 - 7 April 1945

- A. 00 # WDE - 1 -- Eighth Corps, Vicinity Hersfeld to Gotha
LES WIECK and RIEGAN
- B. 360th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron
3 F-47's dispatched - Nil aborts.
- C. 1328 - 1445 - 1535 - 1645
- D. Nil
- E. 3 x 2-x 500 GE inst - 1/40
The Squadron contacted Tastefruit who sent them to Chatwood who in turn sent them to Wildwood. The latter controller located at J115518 requested them to bomb and strafe a town of Stutzchutz. Sixteen bombs were dropped along the line of buildings from J106475 to 108462. Good hits were obtained but no fires were observed. Believe about 12 buildings were destroyed and 3 cuts in the road. The town was strafed from J106480 to 108460.
- F. 1) Nil
2) Meager, accurate, Light - J107467
- G. Chatwood is in the vicinity of Gotha. Our troops were seen just north of a RR at J108483 at 1515 hours. There is no enemy road or RR traffic observed to the SE of Gotha for a distance of 20 miles. Too much chatter on "B" channel. RIFSAW # 3 gave the flight a wrong coordinate of position. He told them they were at H1813 when they were over the area S of Gotha at J0657. The flight requested RIFSAW # 3 to check the co-ordinates and they repeated the same wrong co-ordinate.
- H. 3 to 8/10 strato-cumulus - from 4 to 9000 feet in the target area. Visibility 5 plus miles under the overcast.

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MISSION REPORT

ORISFLASH # 3 - 7 April 1945

- A. CO MDE - 1 -- Cooperate 8th Corps - EBERSFELD to SAALFELD
Captain CARLSON and LT SMITH
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron
6 F-47's dispatched - nil aborts
- C. 1552 - 1650 - 1820 - 1926
- D. Nil
- E. 8 x 2 x 500 GP inst - 1/40
All 13 bombs were dropped on the concentration of 250 plus box-cars and at least 5 locomotives in the M/Y of Saalfeld at J5734. At least 50 cars were destroyed, 4 tracks were cut and 3 good fires started which burned for 25 minutes and were still burning when the flight left the area. In addition, LT ANDRUS cut a small RR bridge at the "Y" at the North end of the M/Y at J573349. BY STRAFING: Captain CARLSON and LT EYRICH destroyed 10 M/T's and damaged 5 along a small valley road at J6140. LT FOLTZ destroyed another M/T at J5248. CAPTAIN CARLSON and LT EYRICH strafed a train in the M/Y at Steinach J4509 claiming one locomotive destroyed and the 20 cars damaged. LT COUCHTRY destroyed a locomotive which was pulling 16 passenger cars going NE out of Couburg O-3090. LT GIANNETTI damaged one locomotive and LT SCANLAN damaged 10 box-cars of a train pointed N but stationary at C-3097. The Squadron contacted TASTEFUIT and REISSAN # 3 but found these targets themselves.
- F. 1) Nil
2) Heavy - inaccurate - moderate MS585
Light - fairly accurate, very intense in the vicinity of J6737. This flak was protecting either an A/D or a factory just to the E of it. The factory was very active.
- G. No friendly nor enemy troops nor vehicles were seen on the autobahn between Gotha and Erfurt at 1700 hours. There are no troops in Arnstadt. 100 plus persons (some women) waving a few white flags were observed going SW in a group. (vicinity J8504).
- H. 3 - 7/10 alto-cumulus 3500-3000 feet. Visibility 5 plus miles below.

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MISSION REPORT

0. SUMMARY - 8 April 1945

- A. CO AFB-1 -- Cooperate 3th Corps vicinity Gotha. "INTERMUN" and "LIEB" leading.
- B. 808th Fighter Group, 898th Fighter Squadron. C-47's dispatched - nil aborts
- C. 0700 - 0800 - 0900 - 1022
- D. Nil
- E. 8 x 2 x 500 Gt inst - 1/40
The controller Fastfruit vectored them to J0152 where they dropped 16 bombs on a little city of Finsterbergen where there was reported to be a concentration of troops. There were at least 14 bombs directly on the build-up area generally to the North side of the city. Six buildings are claimed destroyed for LTC REED, COLSTINE, MARSH, KELL. The town was also strafed....HRO.

At the request of MORING who marked the target with 4 bursts of white smoke - the flight strafed the edge of the woods at H967555 - a reported concentration of troops. They also strafed a tower some flak positions, and troops in trenches along the side of the hill in woods at H9455 with HRO results.

- F. 1) Nil
2) Meager, accurate, light flak -- J0152 and H9455.
- G. There is no road or RR traffic observed in the area S and SW of Gotha.
- H. For the first time in many a moon -- our flights operated in the CAUV condition from the deck reaching to infinity.

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OBSPLASH # 2 - 8 April 1945

- A. EAB - 1 - Cooperate 8th Corps Vicinity Herfeld - Gotha
LTS VIECK and SMITH leading
- B. 368th Fighter Group, 395th Fighter Squadron
8 P-47's dispatched - nil aborts
- C. 0840 - 0950 - 1045 - 1200
- D. Nil
- E. 2 x 2 x 500 ROK Inst 1/40
6 x 2 x 500 GP Inst - 1/40
PASTERGILL sent the flight to CHAMWOOD who gave them as a target a vehicular concentration in the vicinity of Weimar - there was none there. So the flight dropped 12 bombs on a 20 car, box and passenger train going S into Leuvinzen at J3896. LT SMITH destroyed the locomotive with a direct hit - the engineer's pocket-book is the only thing identified in the wreckage. "CASEY" had departed for parts unknown. They claim 8 cars destroyed and 12 damaged for LT VIECK, ANDRUS, BYRICH and the tracks cut in one place by LT VIECK and another cut in track by LT ONGAR. Four bombs were dropped on a sup ly dump at the NW corner of the A/D west of Cooleda J4295 and a large fire started. Nil on strafing -- no suitable targets.
- F. Nil
- G. There was no traffic on the road network in the vicinity of Weimar and nothing in or on the autobon west of Gotha. There were a few scattered vehicles in the vicinity of J5080. On the A/D of Cooleda approximately 20 assorted A/C (enemy) including twin-boom gliders and few 4 engine jobs were observed at 1000 hours. There was no activity and the A/C were not dispersed and the field appeared to have been worked over - possibly by demolition - J4394.
- H. 2/10 - scudded at 6000 feet - pending to increase.

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OSFLAM / 3 - 8 April 1945

- A. EAB-1 - Cooperate 8th Corps vicinity Herfeld & Gotha
LTS McCORME and FOLPE leading
- B. 368th Fighter Group - 395th Fighter Squadron
5 P-47's dispatched - nil aborts
- C. 1130 - 1255 - 1430 - 1527
- D. 8 x 2 x 400 Inst - 1/40
TASFERMIT turned the flight over to WILDWOOD who requested
that they bomb 4 artillery positions along the edge of the
woods at J175455. All bombs were dropped there and the
area strafed. Results in the wooded area were not observed.
Two of the bombs failed to explode.
- F. 1) Nil
2) Moderate, inaccurate, light - J1547.
- G. WILDWOOD is in Wolfis J144500. A supply depot (camouflaged
warehouses and barracks was observed in a little ravine
from J2148 to J2249. A small scattered convoy of 12 enemy
vehicles was scurrying Eastwards out of Orawinkel J1847.
- H. CAVU.

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ORISFLASH # 4 - 8 April 1945

- A. OO / EAB-1 - 8 ship mission - LF JAYLARD leading
- B. 368th Fighter Group - 395th Fighter Squadron
8 P-47's dispatched - nil abortive
- C. 1602 - 1645 - 1700 - 1745 - 1843
- D. Nil
- E. 8 x 2 x 500 RDX Inst - 1/40
The Squadron leader contacted TACKETT LT who relayed him to CHATWOOD who relayed him to WILDWOOD. WILDWOOD requested the bombing of Garfendroda at J1745. This was supposed to be an area of enemy troop concentration and all 16 bombs were dropped between the RR and the road with NRO results. The town was strafed once with NRO results. BY STRAFING: At N6693 heading E 15 assorted vehicles were observed. LT LONG destroyed one M/T, LT JAYLARD destroyed 3 M/T's and one trailer and damaged one M/T. LT LANTON damaged 2 M/T's. LT HOLSTINE destroyed 2 horse-drawn vehicles, LT KRELL destroyed 2 others and LT LAGASSEY destroyed 2 more. LT LAGASSEY also destroyed 2 M/T's - N8997 and was it strafed starting a small fire was started in the southern portion of the woods.
- F. 1) Nil
2) N8997 - small arms fire - moderate - inaccurate.
- G. Nil
- H. Baze up to 8000 feet - light clouds at 1/10 at 10,000 feet - 15 mile visibility.

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MISSION REPORT

OPERATION 1 - 10/10/54

- A. CO F35-0 - Air Force - Jena - 10/10/54
- B. CO F35-0 - Air Force - Jena - 10/10/54
- C. CO F35-0 - Air Force - Jena - 10/10/54
- D. CO F35-0 - Air Force - Jena - 10/10/54
- E. CO F35-0 - Air Force - Jena - 10/10/54
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- F. 1) Nil
 2) Moderate - accurate - light - J7182 and J9251.
 Six and eight guns respectively.
- G. There was no activity in the small A/D at J8753. A few scattered enemy vehicles were observed South of the intersection on the autobahn at J8090 (boggles were called in the vicinity of Jena so the flight circled back and later returned to base). MRC.
- H. NW of Jena - 10/10 2 to 3000 foot thick stratus at 6000 feet - visibility 8 plus miles.

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MISSION REPORT

0. SWIRACH, P 2 - 9 April 1945

- A. 00 J89-3 - Armed Recon to Jena Vicinity
CAPTAIN CARLSON leading
- B. 290th Fighter Squadron - 368th Fighter Group
12 P-47's dispatched - nil aborts
- C. 1316 - 1345 - 1414 - 1500 - 1602
- D. Nil
- E. 2 x 2 x 500 RDX Inst - 1/40 - Four as top-cover
Squadron leader could not contact any controller so a
target of opportunity was selected at D6504 Kl. The tar-
get consisted of 7 buildings upon which 14 bombs were
dropped. It is claimed that 2 of these buildings were
destroyed. Two bombs were returned to base. BY STRAF-
ING: Captain CARLSON attacked a locomotive at D6233
which was hauling 15 cars going N. The locomotive is
claimed destroyed and 1 freight car damaged. He also
destroyed a small M/T at 16552. LT MARSON destroyed a
M/T hauling a gun at D1515. The gun can be claimed as
damaged.
- F. 1) Nil
2) D6233 - Moderate - inaccurate - light
- G. There seemed to be a great deal of small vehicular traf-
fic NE of Weimar J5278. This was not attacked due to
the fact that the Squadron was returning home and was
low on gas.
- H. 10/10 -5000-10,000 feet, slight haze at 6000 feet --
15 mile visibility.

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CBSFLASH # 3 - 9 April 1945

- A. J29-5 -- Armed Reccy to Jena Vicinity LT McCORME leading.
- B. 368th Fighter Group - 395th Fighter Squadron
12 P-47's dispatched - nil aborts
- C. 1705 - 1835 - 1910 - 1920 - 2038
- D. Nil
- E. 8 x 2 x 500 RDA Inst - 1/40
all in target area. The Squadron was not able to fly into the recy area since it was overcasted and could not contact any controllers so a small L/Y Yard at K1121 Pleun was selected as a target of opportunity. There were 5 steamed-up locomotives and at least 50 freight cars in the yards. The dense haze restricted observation and the only report I received was that one fire was observed but the pilots report that there were at least 5 direct hits in the yards itself. Nil strafing.
- F. 1) Nil
2) K1121 - Moderate - inaccurate, light.
- G. A large convoy of various motor vehicles was seen moving SE out of Arnstadt J2553 at about 1930 from 8000 feet. Another large convoy was observed moving NE out of Huenau J2537 at about the same time from an altitude of 8000 feet. Positive identification could not be made because of the dense haze but the Squadron leader called RIPSAN # 1 and gave him this information.
- H. The assigned recy area was under-casted 1/10 at 5000 feet. The target area was clear with 4/10 clouds from 15,000 to 15,500. There was a dense haze from the deck to 8000 feet restricting visibility from 0 to one mile.

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MISSION REPORT

OPSTFLASH # 1 - 10 April 1945

- A. CO # J29-7 - Rail Cutting Mission (Ref)
MAJOR MELAW leading
- B. 395th Fighter Squadron, 362th Fighter Group
3 F-47's dispatched - nil aborts
- C. 0700 - 0830 - 0900 - 0910 - 1005
- D. Nil
- E. 8 x 2 x 500 RDX Inst - 1/40
The original target area was covered by fog so our Squadron CO was forced to look for another target. RIFSAW # 1 assigned the M/Y at J4401 in the town of Sonneberg. At this point there were about 50 freight cars and no locomotives. The 16 bombs created the following claims:

3 buildings destroyed, tracks cut in 6 places, the choke-points at the E and W portions of the yard destroyed, 11 freight cars destroyed and 10 freight cars damaged.
- F. Nil
- G. No information of any kind to report.
- H. The assigned target area had fog from 0 - 1000 feet. Over the alternate target high cirrus - 2/10 - 20,000 feet - visibility out of the sun 10 miles into the sun 5 miles.

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MISSION REPORT

CONFIDENTIAL - 2 - 10 April 1945

- A. CO of J29-3 -- Rail Cutting
LT McCROWE leading
- B. 395th Fighter Squadron - 308th Fighter Group
3 F-47's dispatched - nil reports
- C. 0743 - 0916 - 0917 - 0940 - 1114
- D. Nil
- E. 6 x 2 x 500 RDI Inst - 1/40
All bombs in target area. This Squadron found the assigned RR line and though 10 bombs were dropped along the briefed points the pilots report only 3 cuts in the tracks. One at F140862 and on 1140850. Nil on strafing.
- F. Nil
- G. This mission was in contact with RIISAW # 1 throughout its period of flight. No information of any value to report.
- H. Fog and cloud on the deck. Slight haze up to 6000 feet
2 mile visibility into the sun - 4 mile visibility out of the sun.

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MISSION REPORT

GLSFLAM # 3 - 10 April 1945

- A. 00 J29-9 -- Armed Recon to Leipzig Area
CAPTAIN CARLSON leading.
- B. 395th Fighter Squadron - 368th Fighter Group
12 F-47's dispatched - nil aborts
- C. 1240 - 1400 - 1415 - 1530 - 1633
- D. Nil
- E. 8 x 2 x 500 RDX Inst - 1/40
All bombs in target area. Targets were of opportunity. In a N/Y at Bitterfield E1645 150 freight cars plus 30 tank cars and several locomotives were used as a target. As a result of this bombing by 14 bombs, we are claiming 1 warehouse destroyed by LT MASS, one RR station destroyed by LT LONG, 10 tank cars burned, and at least 10 more damaged by LT LORTON. Since these tank cars were on fire it gives us a logical claim for destruction. At Sohkeuditz E1422 - 2 bombs were dropped on 25 tank cars and a combination of this and 3 strafing passes resulted in the destruction by burning of 20 tank cars and 5 others damaged. This was the work of LT HIGGS. BY STRAFING: A short distance W of the last co-ordinate - CAPTAIN CARLSON destroyed a locomotive. At E1523 CAPTAIN CARLSON destroyed an M/T.
- F. 1) At 1500 at an altitude of 20,000 feet one lone blue-grey Me 262 was observed near Altenburg which is at K3576. This airplane came close enough to be viewed by our pilots but did not attack nor was not attacked.
2) Nil
- G. At 1505 at about 3000 in a N/Y in the Western portion of Leipzig - E2010 about 400 plus freight and flat-cars were observed. The flat cars seemed to be loaded with tanks, half-tracks and half-track trailers along with M/T's. There were no locomotives observed.

At 1415 at E1645 2 groups of white flares about 12 in # were seen going up to 15,000 feet (an old enemy fighter vector that was observed by our pilots). Seascout tried to get our Squadron to work with him but another group of F-47's in the immediate vicinity went to work with him.
- H. Haze up to 7000 feet - 1/10 cloud from 8-9000 feet -- visibility up-sun 5 miles -- down sun 3 miles.

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MISSION REPORT

CRASH / 4 - 10 April 1945

- A. OC of J28-9 - Armed Recon to Leipzig area
LT McCORME leading
- B. 395th Fighter Squadron - 388th Fighter Group
12 P-47's dispatched - nil aborts
- C. 1734 - 1850 - 1905 - 1910 - 2034
- D. Nil
- E. 7 x 2 x 260 Frags -- 5 as top-cover.
The target was one of opportunity and all bombs were
dropped at J2808 which was a RR siding which had approx-
imately 10 freight cars and 50 storage buildings (25'
in length and about the same in width). As a result of
the bombing our pilots are claiming 1 fire started, tracks
cut in 5 places, 1 house destroyed, 12 storage buildings
destroyed, and 10 freight cars destroyed. Nil on strafing.
- F. Nil
- G. Nothing to report
- H. Thick haze to about 2000 feet - high cirrus at 18,000 feet -
visibility into the sun 13 miles -- out of the sun one mile.

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MISSION REPORT

OPERATION # 1 - 11 April 1945

- A. CO # 100-0 -- Armed Recon from Chemnitz to Karlsbad
Col SHARES, LT SMITH, LT RUSSELL
- B. 388th Fighter Group - 395th Fighter Squadron
12 - P-47's dispatched - nil aborts
- C. 1315 - 1330 - 1450 - 1325
- D. Nil (LT SULLIVAN piled up at end of Runway Cat "E") not
counted on mission. LT GRUBBS flew spare.
- E. 7 x 3 x 1-27 Frag clusters
Flight contacted GUNCOPT who had no targets. Six bombs
were dropped on the concentration of 50 enemy aircraft
on the Eger Airfield at 13276. Most of the A/C were
gliders dispersed on the E side of the field in the W
dispersal area were some Me 310, Ju 88 and one six engine
A/C. Col SHARES destroyed 4 silver twin-engine A/C be-
lieved to be DO 217's. They were parked on the ramp,
the runways are fully operational, one Me 109 was circling
to land at the time. Eight bombs were dropped on concen-
tration of 9 M/T's and 12 horse-drawn vehicles at K3642
heading towards Chemnitz. LT SMITH destroyed 4 M/T's and
damaged 3 horse-drawn vehicles. BY STRAFING: At K3642
LT SMITH destroyed 1 M/T and 3 horse-drawn vehicles, LT
RUSSELL destroyed one horse-drawn vehicle and damaged an
M/T and LT BRYAN destroyed 3 M/T's and 3 horse-drawn ve-
hicles.
- F. 1) Nil
2) Weak - inaccurate - heavy - intense - accurate - light.
along the S and W side of the Eger A/D at 13276. In-
tense, accurate light at J9700 NW edge of Hof.
- G. M/Y at Hof O-9798 had about 75 mixed cars (black) no loco-
motive and no activity observed. The A/D at Karlsbad #7090
had 4 planes parked on it looked as if they had been hit.
The A/D is in good shape but there is no activity on it.
There was little or no road or RR traffic S and W of the
target.
- H. 2/10 cumulus to 5000 feet - general haze from ground to
6000 feet -- poor visibility.

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MISSION REPORT

OLDFLASH # 3 - 11 April 1945

- A. CO # J29-6 - Armed Recy to Chemnitz to Karlsbad
LTS RIEGAN - FORTNEY - FOLTZ
- B. 338th Fighter Group - 395th Fighter Squadron
12 F-47's dispatched - no aborts
- C. 1723 - 1846 - 1905 - 2035
- D. Nil
- E. 8 x 2 x M27 Frag Clusters
Flight worked with RIFSAW # 3. Due to weather - the controller recalled the flight after about 20 minutes in the area so the boys hastily located suitable targets and dropped 8 bombs on a train (locomotive and 25 passenger and box-cars) going NW at K2205 (Adarf). Flight claims damage to 20 cars (LT RIEGAN'S). Eight bombs were dropped by LT FORTNEY'S flight on the city of Oelsnitz K1512. All bombs hit well in the town. One building was destroyed with a huge explosion, much fire and smoke was observed up to 5000 feet.
BY STRAFING: LBS RIEGAN and MERRITT destroyed a locomotive at K2205.
- F. Nil
- G. RIFSAW # 3 gave very poor control. He gave the flight a location at J7062 and course of 235-degree alt. they were actually at K2205.
- H. Haze to 6000 feet - poor visibility.

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MISSION REPORT

O. SPANISH, 1 - 10 April 1948

- A. CO of F4U-1 - Escort to B-24's vicinity Kempton
1st Lt. WILSON, 3 TOW, and CAPTAIN DRISCOLL
- B. 388th Fighter Group - 390th Fighter Squadron
13 P-47's dispatched - one absent - gas fumes in cockpit.
- C. 1088 - R/V 1103 - left bombers at R/V 1113 - 1120
- D. Nil
- E. No bombs were carried. The squadron met the B-24's over
the R/V Saarburg 13013 at 5500 feet (due to overcast).
They escorted the bombers as far as the Rhine River where
the bombers turned back towards their home base due to
the weather. They left the bombers at the R/V point and
came home.
- F. Nil
- G. Nil
- H. 10/10 stratus - and much rain at 6000 feet and layers of
stratus down to 4/10 at 4000 feet.

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MISSION REPORT

OPERATION # 2 - 12 April 1945

- A. CO of J29-0 Armed Recon Ballfield - Chemnitz - Hof.
LTCR HUNTER - LMS FORTNEY and JETTY leading.
- B. 395th Fighter Squadron, 233rd Fighter Group
12 P-47's dispatched - nil aborts
- C. 1437 - 1355 - 1045 - 1319
- D. Nil
- E. 8 x 2 x 500 Gp (L76) Inst - Inst
Major HUNTER dropped two bombs in the vicinity of a M/T J9840 with MRO results. LMS FORTNEY and RUSSELL dropped 4 bombs on 2 M/T's and 50 personnel at J9022. Claim all destroyed. Ten bombs were dropped on 150 plus box and flat cars in the M/T at Naila O 8299. The flat cars were loaded with large boxes and camouflaged with branches. There were no locomotives. Six or 7 large fires were started. No specific claims. Strafing was nil due to weather and lack of targets.
- F. Nil
- G. Five balloons were seen flying at 4000 feet at J8220. There is no road or RR traffic in the target area. Our troops are in the vicinity of Elthann O 1058.
- H. 10/10 overcast with bottoms at 6000 feet. Layers of varying coverage on down to 3000 feet and down to the deck along the line J-K. Fair visibility.

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OISFLASH # 1 - 13 April 1945

- A. CO J29-8 -- Fighter Sweep - Halla - Dresden
LTS McCROME, HANS, DICKS leading.
- B. 38th Fighter Squadron - 368th Fighter Group
12 P-47's dispatched - one abort (ordered back by Deputy
Squadron Leader).
- C. 1522 - 1650 - 1710 - 1859
- D. LT EDGAR M McCROME leading the Squadron was lost in heavy
clouds approximately 8 miles S of Kahfelden at 15006.
- E. No bombs were carried. Squadron set course about 3000 feet
and started to climb thru layers of overcast. At 7000 feet
flight had leveled out and as they again started up to go
over the top LT McCROME was last seen at about the coordin-
ate above. Squadron broke out of the overcast from 10,000
to 12,000 feet and orbited and the area but LT McCROME
could not be seen, nor contacted by RPT. The Squadron flew
the recy area between 17,000 and 20,000 feet. They con-
tacted RLSA and GUMPOST. GUMPOST informed them that band-
its were landing on the Bayruth A/D but as they were too
far away, GUMPOST said not to go over. The thunderheads
build up to 25,000 plus feet in an 8/10 plus coverage --
nothing was found in the area.
- F. Nil
- G. Nil
- H. Base out to Kaiserlautern thunderheads built up as high as
30,000 feet in some places with bases right down to the
deck. Out in the tgt area - there was a 8/10 plus cumulu-
nimbus up to 25 or 26,000. Thru the few holes available --
there is a thick milky haze.

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ORSTLASH # 1 - 15 April 1945

- A. 00 # JMB 1 - Bomber Escort Mission "Plan B"
LT MAYLAND leading.
- B. 368th Fighter Group - 395th Fighter Squadron
12 P-47's dispatched - nil abortive
- C. 1143 - 1225 - 1300 - 1345 - 1525
- D. Nil
- E. Bomber escort. Two boxes of B-26's were picked up at R/V
at V7875 at 1215 about 8000 feet. One box was of 17 A/C
and the other of 17. A red flare was fired to identify
the proper escort. Our Squadron escorted the bombers to
the target area where they reported that the bombers blind-
bombed. The return trip from the target was not flown as
briefed since the bombers changed directions frequently.
At 1350 SW of Strasbourg our Squadron contacted the bombers,
were released from the escort and landed at this strip.
- F. 1) Nil
2) Nil
- G. Extremely uneventful.
- H. Haze up to 7000 feet - 9/10 clouds from 7000 to 10,000
feet. Thunderheads building up thin cirrus at 13,000
feet.

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OPERATION # 2 - 13 April 1948

- A. CO # J29-3 - Armed Recon to Karlsbad, Berkowitz and Nilzen
- B. 308th Fighter Squadron - 308th Fighter Group
Major TUM leading - 12 P-47's dispatched - nil aborts
- C. 1322 - 1300 - 1310 - 1430 - 1324
- D. One P47 Cat "A" Light A-1
One P47 Cat "A" Small Arms
One P47 Cat "C" Pilot LT A. DERSON WZR

LT A. DERSON made an emergency landing at Lauf C-5807 W of the town. He reported his position and LT SHELLER reports that the 45 Inf Div picked him up after landing.

- E. Nil on loading -- all attacks made with machine guns. At P7248 concentration of vehicles was caught moving East. MAJOR MURPHY destroyed one large bus and damaged 3 M/T's. LT KLUMPP destroyed an M/T one horse drawn vehicle and damaged 2 M/T's. LT ANDERSON and LT SHELLER are sharing 3 busses, 3 cars, and 1 M/T all destroyed. At P6248 LT FOLTZ destroyed 3 M/T's. At P7536 LT HASS and LT LONG attacked 20 horse drawn vehicles and 2 armored cars destroying them in addition to 20 enemy personnel. This convoy was traveling in a Westerly direction when attacked. At P6248 - 15 M/T's and 3 tanks were parked on the main street of the town of Haid. Of these 4 M/T's are claimed damage and one medium tank damaged. These same pilots are claiming damage to 4 M/T's at P5823. At P6338 LT LONGAR destroyed a switch locomotive and CAUGHTRY damaged 3 freight cars. At P6335 LT LONGAR destroyed an M/T. At P6248 LT JEFFY and F/O MERRITT destroyed one each oil bearing M/T's. At P6438 LT LONGAR lead the flight in destroying two M/T's, 6 enemy soldiers and damaging 4 M/T's and one jeep.
- F. 1) Nil
2) P6248 - Moderate, accurate, light
P6248 - Small arms, moderate, accurate
- G. The Major contacted RIP # 3 while airborne. No movement to report other than that which was attacked.
- H. Over the tgt area -- CAVU

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OFSEFLASH # 3 - 16 - April 1945

- A. CO J29-5 - Armed Reccy to Karlsbad, Rakowitz, and Lilsen. LT FORTNEY leading.
- B. 395th Fighter Squadron - 368th Fighter Group
12 P-47's dispatched - nil aborts.
- C. 1647 - 1705 - 1725 - 1940 - 2000
- D. One P47 Cat "AC" LT ANDRUS on a strafing pass struck a tree and reports indicate that a wing change is necessary.
- E. Nil on loading. All destruction by Strafing:
LT FORTNEY and LT ANDRUS at P7484 destroyed 2 M/T's, one M/T and trailer, 2 horse-drawn vehicles and one staff car. This was of a concentration of about 8 vehicles traveling E when attacked. LT BERGMAN destroyed 4 M/T's, one trailer, and one motorcycle between 17885 and P8585. At 17942 LT BERGMAN damaged a switch engine. In the same region LT ANDRUS and LT BERGMAN destroyed 3 motor transports which apparently were carrying gasoline and they left the town of lies on fire. In this same area these two pilots damaged these two pilots damaged 5 more M/T's and 1 trailer. P8962 LT RUSSELL and LT SCANTON damaged one M/T and one trailer. At P7942 LT LAGGESSSEY and LT DARLING destroyed 5 M/T's, 2 horse-drawn vehicles and killed one cow.
- F. 1) Nil
2) P7468 - weak, inaccurate, light.
- G. THIS flight contacted RIP # 3 when it was airborne. This mission was supposed to have briefed in the air to attack the Prague A/D which they could not since their maps could not carry them there and after they were airborne the vectoring was very inadequate so they continued on their armed reccy.
- H. Base up to 7000 feet - 1/10 cloud at 2000 - 5 miles visibility into the sea - 10 miles visibility out of the sun.

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MISSION REPORT

OPERATION 1 - 17 April 1945

- A. C-47 #19-3 Armed Reccy to Prague. LIEUTENANT D. WOODARD and FOLITZ leading.
- B. 390th Fighter Squadron - 390th Fighter Group.
104-47's dispatched - nil aborts
- C. 0735 - 0830 - 1030 - 1145
- D. NIL
- E. No bombs were carried. The flight contacted REISNER and proceeded on their armed reccy. LT WYLAND strafed and destroyed a locomotive going SE at P4199 pulling one oil car and 7 box-cars. The oil car was damaged but did not burn. He also strafed a locomotive and 30 box-cars headed E at Barnau 13845 claiming 1 locomotive destroyed and 3 box-cars damaged. In the M/Y at Fischern there were at least 5 locomotives and 150 plus box-cars some made up into trains. A couple of flat cars had 7 M/T's on them. LT CRUSSEIT destroyed 2 locomotives, LT WOODARD destroyed 2 locomotives, LT WASS destroyed 1 locomotive, 1 M/T and damaged 3 M/T's, LT WOODARD destroyed 3 box-cars one of which was burning violently (3 trains headed W and 2 trains headed SW -- 18494). LT FOLITZ strafed and destroyed a switch engine at K3505. LT LAGGESSEY destroyed a locomotive at K3105 and he shared with LT MERRITT a claim of 3 box-cars destroyed and 6 damaged. In the vicinity of K3303 - LT FOLITZ destroyed 3 M/T's, LT KLEINF destroyed 3 M/T's, LT LAGGESSEY destroyed 3 M/T's and an armed car and damaged one M/T, LT MERRITT destroyed one horse-drawn vehicle and 2 M/T's. He also damaged another M/T. At K6510 LIEUTENANT FOLITZ, KLEINF, LAGGESSEY, and MERRITT came upon 15 plus M/T's destroying 8 of them and damaging four. At K6508 LT WYLAND destroyed 4 M/T's, LIEUTENANT SHELLUM destroyed 2 M/T's and LT HIGGS destroyed a light gun and the operator. Then, as if the flight hadn't accomplished enough - LT WYLAND took his boys down on some gas storage tanks at K7003 damaging same. Some stray shots struck a building just beyond bringing forth a great deal of steam. It is believed that some boilers inside exploded.
- F. Weak, inaccurate, heavy -- F6594.
- G. About 150 plus scattered horse-drawn vehicles (probably refugees) were moving generally E, SE, N or S in the area within a 15 mile radius of Grasnitz K4005.
- H. No clouds - some haze from the ground to 6000 feet - visibility 2-4 miles air to ground.

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OPERATION REPORT - 12/1/44

- A. CO of 35th FG -- 1st Lt. R. S. ...
1st Lt. ... 1st Lt. ...
- B. 1st ... Squadron - 1st ... Squadron
1st ... Squadron - 1st ... Squadron (engine ... and escort).
- C. 1133 - 1134 - 1135 - 1137
- D. Nil
- E. No bombs were carried. ... sent the Squadron to attack the reported concentration of ... tanks moving S/W between U 0433 and U 9870. Nothing was found in that area. On an armed recon towards the ... 1st ... destroyed a light tank and an M/T at U 1507. Both vehicles burned. Then, at U 1153 1st ... destroyed 3 M/T's and 1st ... damaged a gun. In the courtyard a little farm U 0801 1st ... and 1st ... thought they discovered an M/T concentration and made a pass on it. 1st ... netted 3 horses 1st ... damaged 3 M/T's -- the latter were well camouflaged and the extent of damage could not be determined. At U 0104 1st ... IVEY and 1st ... each destroyed a horse-drawn vehicle.
- F. Nil
- G. Other than the equipment which they attacked - the Squadron found no other road or RR traffic in the recon area. In a wire enclosure just S of the road at U 0357 (West of Regenbug) the Squadron observed 200 plus US, British, and French personnell waving white flags. It appeared to be a POW camp but was not fairly marked as such.
- H. 5/10 cumulus - 5500 to 12,000 feet in the target area. Visibility -- good.

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MISSION REPORT

COMBIAASH # 3 - 18 April 1945

- A. CO # J29-3 Armed Reccy to Prague - MAJOR MURRAY, IFS VIECK and MORGAN leading.
- B. 12 F-47's dispatched - nil aborts
393th Fighter Squadron - 368th Fighter Group
- C. 1 18 - 1705 - 1845 - 1948
- D. One Jat AC (piece of exploding box-cars hit the trim tabs on LT MORGAN'S ship).
- E. No bombs were carried. COMBIAASH # 3 sent the Squadron to a reported concentration of 100 locomotives at F0165. Locomotives were there alright but they seemed to have been worked over and a good many of them burned out. None had steam up. We made a couple of passes then left for more lucrative targets. At 10351 - LT MORGAN strafed a 15 car train going NW and destroyed a locomotive and 6 box-cars which exploded violently. LT MERRITT destroyed 2 M/T's and damaged 2 that were on flat cars and then claims damage to 2 box-cars. LT FOLTZ destroyed one M/T. MAJOR MURRAY destroyed an M/T at 10153 and another one at F7248. At the latter place, LT MARSON destroyed a 6 x 6 and a trailer, a weapons carrier, and one-horse drawn vehicle. The horse also hit the dust. LT FOLTZ destroyed a locomotive that was going S with 3 cars at F2564.
- F. 1) Nil
2) Nil
- G. No road or RR traffic in the target other than that which was attacked.
- H. 10/10 hazy overcast - 10,000 feet - some line squalls in the target area.

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MISSION REPORT

OPFLASH # 1 - 20/45 April

- A. CO # J29-4 -- Armed Recon to Hilsen
LTS HAYS, BERGMAN and SMITH leading
- B. 388th Fighter Group - 395th Fighter Squadron
12 P-47's dispatched - nil aborts
- C. 0622 - 0723 - 0930 - 1029
- D. Nil
- E. 10 bombs were carried. Squadron worked with REISSAN. LT BERGMAN destroyed an M/T at P6354 destroyed a locomotive at P6620, and another M/T at 8624. LT BRYAN destroyed an M/T at P7037. LTS HAYS and MERRITT damaged two heavy tanks on flat cars at P6579. LT DUFF destroyed a locomotive and a large M/T, LT SHELLEN destroyed 2 M/T's at P7840. In this small M/Y the locomotive with 25 cars was pointed W. The cars probably contained oil for several fires were started. The two boys claim 3 box-cars destroyed and 3 damaged. Out of a passenger train headed S at P5808 LT SHELLEN destroyed the locomotive and damaged 2 cars. LT SHELLEN damaged a car and destroyed one, LT DUFF destroyed a locomotive sitting by a siding at Petschau P6578. LT SMITH destroyed a locomotive and damaged 2 cars of a 20 car train headed W at P6447. He also destroyed a locomotive that was going NE at P7941 with about 25 cars 10 of which were loaded with 20 M/T's and light armor. Of these vehicles LTS SMITH and SULLIVAN each destroyed 3 and LTS DUFF and BURICH destroyed 2. In addition, LT DUFF destroyed a locomotive going S at P7542 with 15 cars.
- F. Nil
- G. A warehouse in the M/Y at Petschau - P6378 had stacks of oil drums near it.
- H. Haze up to 7000 feet - visibility 3-10 miles.

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MISSION REPORT

OSPLACH # 20/45 April

1. 20 # F30-1 -- Armed Recon to Filson
LTs FORNEY, MARSH, and POLTE.
2. 3300th Fighter Group - 3300th Fighter Squadron
13 1-17' 1/2 - 13 1-17' 1/2 - 13 1-17' 1/2
3. 1145 - 1240 - 1400 - 1501
4. Nil
5. No bombs were carried. LT FORNEY destroyed a locomotive that was pulling 7 cars headed W at 11045 at Filson. LT WIGGS damaged 3 of the cars. LT WIGGS destroyed a locomotive pulling 3 box and 4 flat cars going W at 12045 Rokitzan. On the flat cars the flight claims a half-track destroyed for each Lts FORNEY, WIGGS, RUSSELL and ANDRUS. Two tanks were damaged by ANDRUS. In the I/Y at ROBEY IK 12884 there were 7 locomotives and end to end with no steam -- 8 others with steam-up and about 4 or 6 others scattered about the yards. One train was made up of 20 cars and there were about 100 cars scattered about the yard. LT CRUSSETT destroyed a locomotive - LT MARSH destroyed 2 locomotives and a box-car which was left burning and damaged the locomotive, LT PONTON damaged 2 locomotives LT PONGAR destroyed 1 locomotive and damaged 1 locomotive -- LT CRUSSETT damaged another locomotive.
6. Intense - accurate - light - 12304.
7. Civilians were seen evacuating RAKOV IK 12884 to the SE. Our troops and our armor with red panels were seen just W of the city of RED ITE at 11065.
8. Some haze - but good visibility.

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MISSION REPORT

Q10FLASH # 3 - 20/45 April 1945

- A. CO # 729-4 - Armed Recon to Hilsen and Bernau
CAPTAIN CARLSON leading.
- B. 368th Fighter Group - 395th Fighter Squadron
12 P-47's dispatched - One abort - belly-tank broken - one
escort.
- C. 1637 - 1735 - 1800 - 1830 - 1927
- D. Nil
- E. No bombs were carried. One strafing pass was made on the
A/D at Hilsen L0337 where 3 FW 190's were observed on the
ground. No claims made as the result of this attack. The
3 FW 190's which were observed were parked at the SE por-
tion of the field and from reports there probably were more.
Four fires - 3 locomotives destroyed and 20 plus I/T's were
destroyed at L1634 as a result of the attack on a small I/Y
where 3 trains of about 20 cars each with locomotives fac-
ing generally South (steam-up) were found. One train made
up of passenger cars the other two of flat cars. There were
some civilian automobiles mixed in with the I/T's which were
on the flat cars but there is no claim on these. CAPTAIN
CARLSON made a strafing pass on the A/D. He also destroyed
3 locomotives. F/O BERRITT destroyed 10 I/T's, LT DUFF des-
troyed 5 and LT KLUFF destroyed 3 I/T's.
- F. 1) Nil
2) Hilsen A/D L0337 - weak - accurate - heavy.
- G. Our own recon vehicles without panels observed going E from
deck level from about 1850 at P3853. No other enemy move-
ment observed other than that which was attacked.
- H. GAVU over target - except for slight haze.

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- * One P-47 Cat "A" heavy AA - CAPTAIN CARLSON'S plane was report-
ed by the Engineering department. This damage was not report-
ed at the interrogation.

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MISSION REPORT

OPERATION # 1 - 21 April 1945

- A. CO # J291 - Armed Recy Pilsen, Karlsbad, LT WAYLAND leading.
- B. 368th Fighter Group - 395th Fighter Squadron
12 P-47's dispatched - nil aborts
- C. 0702 - 0805 - 0815 - 0940 - 1039
- D. One P-47 Out "AC" - LT WELLMIG struck a tree on a strafing pass necessitating a wing change.
- E. Nil bomb loading. 10 loco's destroyed, 15 flat cars destroyed, 3 88 mm guns destroyed, 30 M/T's destroyed between P5865 and L7376. This was of a total of about 15 loco's and about 200 plus freight cars and passenger cars. Some of this traffic was standing still some of it was moving E and W. Five large fires were left burning in this area. LT WAYLAND destroyed 4 loco's, LT KUEHL destroyed 3, LT FORNEY destroyed one loco, damaged another and he and his wingman made a total destruction of the M/T's and flat cars. LT LONG destroyed 2 loco's. Fifty plus troops destroyed out of a possible 300 who were sitting on a road at L9448 by LT ANDRUS. He possibly destroyed more but this is a conservative figure. Four fires, 5 horse-drawn vehicles destroyed and at least 20 damaged out of 25 by LT WELLMIG and LT WAILING at L5839. These horse-drawn vehicles were horseless and were parked in a compact group when attacked. At this point one M/T was also destroyed.
- F. 1) Nil
2) P5865 - moderate - inaccurate - light
L7365 - moderate - inaccurate - light
- G. Gunpost contacted our Squadron and asked them to attack a target which upon investigation proved to be one our Squadron had attacked the day before. At L7367 at least 25 M/T were observed in a wooded area headed SE at L7367 at 2000 feet - 0930 hours. This observation was made by a new pilot who did not report it to any controller and we turned it in as a flash report. At L7374 a cylindrical tank 100' long 25' high mounted on a concrete platform about 10' above the ground painted orange and black was observed about 0940 from 2000 feet. It was thought to be an oil tank of some sort.
- H. 10/10 from 2000 to an unknown height over target area. Eight mile visibility. Sky lit from the cloud level. On the ground thin - rain squalls and overcast to 2000 feet.

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- C. The enemy aircraft was flying at an altitude of approximately 3,000 feet.
 - D. The enemy aircraft was flying in a southerly direction.
 - E. The enemy aircraft was flying in a southerly direction.
 - F. The enemy aircraft was flying in a southerly direction.
 - G. The enemy aircraft was flying in a southerly direction.
 - H. The enemy aircraft was flying in a southerly direction.
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 - X. The enemy aircraft was flying in a southerly direction.
 - Y. The enemy aircraft was flying in a southerly direction.
 - Z. The enemy aircraft was flying in a southerly direction.

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CISBLASH, 1 - 23 April 1945

- A. OC of Jap-8 patrol mission Wurzburg - Bayreuth, Nürnberg.
LT FOREYET leading.
- B. 388th Fighter Group - 395th Fighter Squadron
S 1-47's dispatched - nil abortive.
- C. 1030 - 1035 - 1930 - 1945
- D. Nil
- E. Nil bomb loading. This was a patrol mission over Evacara-
tion A/D's in this area. Constant contact maintained with
GUMCOST but the mission as a whole was extremely routing.
- F. Nil
- G. Milk-run
- H. Target area: 9/10 cloud cover from 3-3-5000 feet - visi-
bility 3-7 miles.

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MISSION REPORT

DISPATCH # 1 - 24 April 1945

- A. CO # J29-2 Patrol Mission Wurzburg - Bayreuth - Nurnberg
LT BERGMAN leading.
- B. 368th Fighter Group - 395th Fighter Squadron
8 P-47's dispatched - nil abortive
- C. 0630 - 0650 - 0845 - 0910
- D. Nil
- E. Nil bomb loading. This was a patrol mission over Evacuation
A/D's in this area. Constant contact maintained with Gun-
post but the mission as a whole extremely routine.
- F. Nil
- G. Milkrun
- H. North and East of Nurnberg 10/10 - 7-8,000 feet building
up with $\frac{1}{2}$ mile visibility.

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OCSFLASH # 1 - Area Patrol Wurzburg, Bayruth, Nurnberg 24/45

- A. J29-2 24/45 April -- LT BERGMAN leading
- B. 395th Fighter Squadron - 388th Fighter Group
S 1-47's dispatched - nil aborts
- C. 0830 - 0855 - 0850 - 0910
- D. Nil
- E. No landing. This was an area patrol mission on which contact was made with GILLOS and maintained throughout the flight. Very uneventful.
- F. Nil
- G. Nil
- H. CAVU to Nurnberg - East of that overcast at 8000 feet with 1/2 mile visibility.

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OCSFLASH # 2 24/45 April

- A. J29-2 Area Patrol - LT FAY's leading - Wurzburg - Bayruth - Nurnberg Area.
- B. 395th Fighter Squadron - 388th Fighter Group
S 1-47's dispatched - Nil aborts
- C. 1019 - 1939 - 1938 - 1900
- D. Nil
- E. No landing. Same -- uneventful -- mission as above.
- F. thru G. NIL
- H. Same as above with rain-squalls.

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OSTFLASH # 3 - 21 April 1945

- A. J29-2 area located - E FOR TEAM leading to Wurzburg, Bayreuth and the Thuringia areas.
- B. 395th Fighter Squadron - 338th Fighter Group
P-47's dispatched - all aborts
- C. 1817 - 1837 - 1838 - 1839
- D. Nil
- E. No landing -- Routine patrol
- F. Nil
- G. Nil
- H. Same as above.

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CLASSIFICATION - 1 - 25/45 April

- A. CPU-1 Armed Recon to Munchen Area - CAPT CARLSON leading
- B. 395th Fighter Squadron - 308th Fighter Group
12 P-47's dispatched - nil aborts
- C. 0630 - 0715 - 0735 - 0900 - 0937
- D. One MIA. 2nd LT RUSSELL L GRUBBS was strafing the Erding A/D when his airplane was hit by flak. He was seen to bail out - his chute opened and he was seen to be floating in the air although no one actually saw him hit the ground. This incident took place at 0830 hours - Z0977.
- E. 8 x 2 x 260 M-61 Frags - 4 top-cover.
Two bombs dropped on a single locomotive traveling East at Z3613 missing it but cutting the tracks and CAPT CARLSON destroyed it by strafing. Four bombs jettisoned while chasing an Me 163 in the vicinity of Z0997. Four bombs dropped on the ammunition dump at T7428 with only one result reported and that one building was hit. Six bombs were dropped by White flight on the Erding A/D at Z0977 destroying 2 twin-engine E/A, damaging 1 twin-engine E/A - starting 3 fires and one hanger was hit. LT DUFF destroyed an He 111 here by strafing. At Z0592 one lone locomotive destroyed by strafing by CAPT CARLSON.
- F. 1) At about 8 o'clock in the vicinity of Erding Z0977 a Green Me 163 was seen on the deck and was chased for about 20 miles but our pilots could not catch it.
2) Z0977 - intense - accurate - light
Y9456 - intense - accurate - light
- G. From all reports the enemy is concentrating a great number of A/C on the airfields in the area flown by our Squadrons. At the Erding A/D our pilots report at least 50 Ju 88's - Ju 52's - FW 190's - He 111's and other assorted aircraft. At the Munchen Y9456 there were reported at least another 25 twin-engine A/C and single engine A/C with a dispersal area East of this point also having an additional 10 twin-engine A/C. Our pilots did not observe any road or RR traffic of any description and did not report any activity on the part of the personnel on any of the A/D observed.
- H. CAVU

SUPPLEMENT: LT MONGAR and LT ONESEIT are sharing the claims for the 3 destroyed and 1 damaged Ju 88 by bombing. LT DUFF reports that he destroyed a light gun position E of the A/D at Erding.

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OPSTFLASH # 2 - 25/45 April

- A. CO # CNU-1 Armed Recon to Munchen Area - LT FORTNEY leading
- B. 368th Fighter Group - 398th Fighter Squadron
12 - P-47's dispatched - nil aborts
- C. 1043 - 1130 - 1215 - 1345 - 1423
- D. Nil
- E. 8 x 2 x 500 GP inst - 10/40 -- 4 x 4 x 5" Mark I Rockets
All 16 bombs were dropped on a R/Y at Z2682. Claims are as follows. One fire - one locomotive destroyed - choke point at the western edge of the yards destroyed, 15 loaded flat box cars destroyed, 15 more damaged. Three strafing passes were made on the yards with no additional claims made.

All rockets were discharged at T7226 which consisted of 6 large buildings and 12 small ones -- and altho good hits were scored no fires were started and since the area appeared to have hit before -- we are not making any claims. BY STRAFING: 15 M/T's destroyed - 8 damaged at T6828 by LT FORTNEY. Of these LT GIANNETTI damaged 2 LT DARLING Destroyed one and damaged one. 27 M/T's destroyed, 45 horses killed at T6229 and 2 fires were started. In this area over 500 assorted enemy vehicles were fleeing in all directions mainly E and S. Of the first 20 M/T's destroyed LT DICKS is sharing with his flight members. LT EYRICH, LT JETTY and LT BRYAN. LT EYRICH killed 15 horses - LT JETTY another 15 and LT DICKS 10. Of the M/T's LT DICKS got 5 and LT JETTY got another two. This latter paragraph is not an additional claim but a breakdown of the first figure.

- F. at Z2582 moderate - inaccurate - light
Z5222 and T7225 - small arms, light, weak, inaccurate.
- G. Between the points of T5222 Newburg and T7225 Ingolstadt -- on all roads leading into and out of these towns and in this general area are 300 assorted vehicles of all descriptions were reported bumper to bumper. GULGST was notified of this and P-51's were bringing P-47 Groups into this area. One of our lead columns was observed at T5222 at 1343 displaying red panels and heading E.
- H. 1/10 clouds - 7000 feet with visibility into the sun 7 miles out of the sun -- 12 miles.

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OSWALD # 1 - 26/45 April

- A. CO J21-1 -- Area Cover to Wurzberg - Bayrath - Murnberg.
LTS WATKINS and LT CURTIS leading.
- B. 39th Fighter Squadron - 368th Fighter Group
8 F-47's dispatched - nil abortive
- C. 0700 - 0720 - 0910 - 0944
- D. Nil
- E. The Squadron worked with RLSAW # 1 Rear and Advance carrying no bombs. They patrolled the area for about 2 hours uneventfully.
- F. Nil
- G. Nil
- H. Wane to 3000 feet - some cumulo-nimbus forming SW of Murnberg - visibility 8 miles.

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OSWALD # 2 - 26/45 April

- A. CO # J29-2 -- Area Cover to Wurzberg - Bayrath - Murnberg.
LTS HAYS and KESTING leading.
- B. 39th Fighter Squadron - 368th Fighter Group
8 F-47's dispatched - nil abortive
- C. 1045 - 1100 - 1305 - 1345
- D. Nil
- E. No bombs were carried. The Squadron worked with RLSAW # 1 Advanced and patrolled the assigned area. Mission was uneventful.
- F. Nil
- G. Nil
- H. 5/10 cumulus from 8-11,000 feet -- 3-7 miles visibility.

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OPERATION # 3 - 15/16 April

- A. P-47 Leaflet dropping - vicinity Regensburg
CAPTAIN CARLSON leading.
- B. 368th Fighter Squadron - 368th Fighter Group
4 P-47's dispatched - nil abortive
- C. 1158 - 1311 - 1335 - 1442
- D. Nil
- E. Each plane dropped the following leaflet bombs:
2 Frontpost - 4 FWB-56 - 1 LG-90. One each target
were dropped 1 Frontpost and 2 FWB-56; and in addition
there were dropped LG-90 on each of targets 1,3,5,7.

TARGETS were as follows:

1. LINDSEUF	U-2302
2. DENGOLFING	U-5115
3. IRNDAU	U3520
4. MILLERSDORF	U-6828
5. FLATTLING	U7733
6. DEGGENDORF	U-8339
7. SIEBING	U-5542
8. ALBURG	U3241

F. Nil

G. Nil

- H. 9/10 cumulo-nimbus - 3-10,000 feet - scattered heavy rain
showers with much thunder and lightning.

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CASTLE H 74 -- 30/48 April

- A. 107 J49-B -- Area patrol -- 100% fuel loading
- B. 368th Fighter Group - 398th Fighter Squadron
2 F-47's dispatched - nil abortive
- C. 1455 - 1518 - 1743 - 1803
- D. Nil
- E. No landing. This was a patrol mission in which contact was made with H-53's I rear and maintained throughout the flight. Unsuccessful. After two and a half orbits of the patrol area -- the Squadron returned to base.
- F. Nil
- G. Nil
- H. 4/10 - 3-8000 feet -- building up -- visibility 3 miles, haze to the cloud layer.

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O. FLASH 1 -- 27/45 April

- A. OO # J29-3 -- Armed Reccy -- Traun A/D -- LT HAYS leading
- B. 395th Fighter Squadron - 368th Fighter Group
12 P-47's dispatched - nil aborts
- C. 1702 - 1815 - 1830 - 1845 - 2000
This was the mission that landed at R29 and they were air-
borne at 0730 the next morning and return to base here at
0845.
- D. One P-47 Cat "AC" at R29. LT H.W. HAYS nosed-up on landing
and received injuries as a result. We have no accurate des-
cription of his injuries but our Squadron Surgeon has gone
up there to check.
- E. 8 x 2 x 260 Frags - RDX -- 2 x 4 x Mark I 5" Rockets
All rockets and bombs in target area.
The target attacked was the Traun A/D at V785805 where there
was found about 40 single engine E/A - 5 plus twin-engine
3 Me 262's and one Me 163. The pilots report that they
damaged at least 10 of the single-engine A/C and destroyed
2 hangers at the W end of the field. This is the same re-
port that they made upon landing at R29. I could not get
any further claims from them so this appears to be the ex-
tent of the report. Nil on strafing.
- F. 1) Nil
2) V785805 - light - intense - inaccurate.
- G. No information of any value to report
- H. Target area - 1/10 - 8-12,000 feet - visibility 15 miles.

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OPFLASH # 1 - 29/45 April

- A. OC / J29-3 -- Armed Recon to Filsen -- LT WAYLAND leading
- B. 388th Fighter Group - 395th Fighter Squadron
12 P-47's dispatched - (actually only 10 planes went on the mission since one plane was returned to even up the flights for one crashed on take-off.)
- C. 0730 - 0810 - 0900 - 0945 - 1017
- D. One P-47 Cat "A" -- questionable as to whether it's light flak or damage caused in strafing.

One P-47 Cat AC as a result of striking a tree

- E. 3 x 2 x 500 GP -- Inst - 1/40
1 x 2 x 500 RDX
2 x 4 x 5" Mark I rockets -- One top-cover
All bombs in M/Y at L1942 Rokycaany. Claims 2 fires, one box and 1 oil tanker destroyed, loco destroyed, 4 buildings destroyed out of a possible target of 1 loco and 20 plus cars. The rockets were fired at a locomotive and 10 cars heading W at L1000 missed and LT SMITH destroyed the loco by strafing. BY STRAFING: LT WAYLAND'S flight which consisted of LTS RAILING, KUNTER, WELING and claiming a loco destroyed, 2 cars damaged and a train car destroyed at L1000. LT KUNTER and LT WELING destroyed a M/T's oil storage tank at L1000. LT SMITH destroyed a building at L1000. LT SMITH destroyed a locomotive and 4 cars heading W at L1100. LT WELING destroyed about 4 cars heading W at L1100. LT WONGER destroyed a locomotive, 2 cars heading W at L1100 and a locomotive 10 cars heading West.

- F. 1) Nil
2) L1000 - 1 house, 1 locomotive, light.

- G. LT WAYLAND reported that at L1017 he destroyed a locomotive and 2 cars heading W at L1017. They were the only ones that he destroyed.

- H. The mission was a success with 10 air fatalities.

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