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* HISTORY OF THE *
* 397TH FIGHTER SQUADRON *
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* INSTALLMENT VIII *
* Covering the Month of *
* SEPTEMBER 1944 *
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* Historical Officer - 1st Lt MORTON H. MAGNUS *
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Installment VIII HISTORY OF THE 397TH FIGHTER SQUADRON Section A

1. ORGANIZATION (e.g., changes effected by the transfer of the unit or by new T/O's) ----- NEGATIVE
2. STRENGTH ON THE LAST DAY OF THE MONTH
Unit strength as of 30 September 1944:
Officers assigned* 59
E. M. assigned --- 248
Officers atchd. --- 0
E. M. atchd. ----- 2
3. ARRIVAL AT AND DEPARTURE FROM EACH STATION OCCUPIED IN THE ETO:
Planes departed from AIG #40, Chartres, France, September 11, 1944. Arrived AIG #69, Laon-Athies Airdrome, France, September 11, 1944 (advance ground personnel moved in several days earlier).
4. LOSSES IN ACTION:
"NEGATIVE"
5. AWARDS TO AND DECORATIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE UNIT:
2/Lt Barker - 1st Bronze OLC to A.M.
2/Lt Bauer - 1st Bronze OLC to A.M.
2/Lt Bender - 1st Bronze OLC to A.M.
2/Lt Cassidy - 1st Silver OLC to A.M.
1/Lt Driscoll - 2nd Silver OLC to A.M.
2/Lt Fauley - A.M.
1/Lt Foltz - 11th Bronze OLC to A.M.
1/Lt Frisbie - A.M. & 1st Bronze OLC to A.M.
2/Lt Hamilton - 2nd Silver OLC to A.M.
2/Lt Helliesen - 6th Bronze OLC to A.M.
Major Hendricks - 3rd Silver OLC to A.M., 16th, 17th, 18th & 19th Bronze OLC's to A.M.
Capt. Lougee - 12th & 13th Bronze OLC's to A.M.
2/Lt Olden - 7th Bronze OLC to A.M.
2/Lt Potter - 7th Bronze OLC to A.M.
2/Lt Rogal - 2nd Silver OLC to A.M.
1/Lt Rosvold - Purple Heart
1/Lt Sharp - 9th Bronze OLC OLC to A.M.
2/Lt Soo - 8th Bronze OLC to A.M.
1/Lt Sutcliffe - 11th Bronze OLC to A.M.
Capt. Talbott - 11th Bronze OLC to A.M.

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Installation VIII HISTORY OF THE 397TH FIGHTER SQUADRON Section B

ALG 40, CHARTRES, France--(Sept. 1)--Lt. Col. John D.W. Haesler, squadron commander since the activation of the unit fifteen months ago, was transferred to 368th Group Headquarters today to become Group Operations Officer. Major Randall W. Hendricks, squadron operations officer for the past fifteen months, assumed command of the unit and Major Fernando J. Fernandez, a newly assigned pilot, took over the operations office. 1st Lt Marvin J. Rosvold was appointed assistant squadron operations officer, replacing 1st Lt Wayne H. Driscoll, who was relieved to assume the command of a flight.

Receipt of a report from the "Confirmation of Victory Credits Board" today disclosed the awarding of confirmations to the claims of the following 397th pilots: 1st Lt Driscoll, 1 ME-109 destroyed; Major Randall W. Hendricks, 1 ME-109 destroyed, 1 ME-109 damaged; 1st Lt Robert S. Brown (now MIA), 2 FW-190's damaged; Captain Eugene M. Potter (now MIA), 1 FW-190 destroyed; 1st Lt John P. Foltz, 1 FW-190 damaged; and 1st Lt Rudolph L. Marko (now MIA), 1 FW-190 destroyed.

Receipt of group special orders here today revealed the assignment of the following pilots to this organization: Major Fernando J. Fernandez, Capt. Harris F. Krause, 1st Lt Wm. M. Kerr, and 2nd Lt's Donald N. Evans, Kenneth E. Kalen, Gerald B. Kelly, Charles B. Patrick and Robert D. Sharp.

Receipt of group special orders here today revealed the promotion of the following enlisted men of this organization: S/Sgt Martin M. Klein, promoted to T/Sgt; Sgts Harold A. Haun, Wm. J. Malone and Michael W. Rocewicky, promoted to S/Sgt; Cpls Jose E. Alequin, John H. Busch, Nickolas Gordiska, Charles A. Estaphan, Joseph C. Maher and William B. Murray promoted to Sgt; Pfc's Ben B. Barber, Calvin M. Hazelbaker, Olohn M. Heffner and Eugene F. Miska, promoted to Cpl; and Pvt's James P. Hackett and Daniel E. White, promoted to Pfc.

Two Armored Column Cover and Armed Reconnaissance missions and a leaflet dropping assignment comprised today's operational activity. The first mission was of the cover and reconnaissance nature and was flown by Hendricks, Barker, Rosvold, Soc, Talbott, Hamilton, Dame, Hardy, Lougee, Potter, Sharp and Cassady. The leaflet dropping mission was accomplished by a single flight comprised of Talbott, Hamilton, Dame and Fein. Today's third mission was another cover and reconnaissance job and it was flown by Gibson, Murphy, Horlacher, Dustin, Driscoll, Barker, Soc, Biagini, Carlson, Baker, Foltz and Stoll.

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SEPT 2:---- Today's only operational activity was a single armored column support mission, which was accomplished by a three flight formation comprised of Hendricks, Fein, Dame, Hardy, Lougee, Weinstein, Sharp, Frisbie, Carlson, Stoll, Preston and Baker.

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ALG 40, CHARTRES, France--(Sept 3)--Three flight, partial bomb carrying formations were employed today in the accomplishment of two armored column cover missions. Both jobs were in support of the advancing 3rd U. S. Armored Division in the Mons area. On the first mission were Gibson, Driscoll and Cassady, carrying bombs, and Dustin, Foltz, Fauley, Barker, Arps, Fein, Lougee, Potter and Frisbie. Flying the second mission were Colonel Richardson, Hendricks, Lougee, Weinstein, O'Connell, Helliesen, Rogal, Bauer, Carlson, Baker, Sutcliffe and Stoll.

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ALG 40, CHARTRES, France--(Sept 4)--Only one operational mission was flown by the squadron today: an armed reconnaissance job in the Brussels-Antwerp-Hasselt area. Highlighting the event was a dual display of gunnery skill by Major Hendricks and Lt Sco, who teamed up to destroy a JU-88 and a DO-217 at an airdrome near Brussels. Flying the three flight formation were Hendricks, Sco, Arps, Bender, Gibson, Murphy, Horlacher, Dustin, Talbott, Dame and Bauer.

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ALG 40, CHARTRES, France--(Sept 6)--An armed reconnaissance tour of the Saarbrücken-Kaiserslautern-Trier-Arlon-Luxembourg area comprised today's only operational activity. Two planes of the squadron formation incurred serious damage when Capt. O'Connell and Lt Bauer collided in mid-air near Kaiserslautern. Capt. O'Connell was forced to belly in at Reims as a result of the accident, but Lt Bauer made a successful return to this base. On the mission were: Talbott, Hardy, Dame, Fein, Lougee, Cassidy, Potter, Biagini, O'Connell, Bauer, Olden and Helliesen.

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ALG 40, CHARTRES, France--(Sept 8)--Attention turned to the west today when the squadron was handed three of infantry cover and dive bombing assignments in support of the 29th Division in the Brest area. Twentytwo 500 lb. general purpose bombs were carried on the first mission and used in the successful destruction of a resisting fort that was pointed out by the ground controllers. On the mission were Hendricks, Hogan, Krause, Driscoll, Bender, Arps, Barker, Gibson, Helliesen, Olden, and Bauer.

Twenty four bombs were carried on the second mission, but all were jettisoned in the bay of Mont St. Michel after an unsuccessful search for the assigned targets. Flying the mission were Talbott, Hardy, Rogal, Fein, Carlson, Preston, Sutcliffe, Stoll, Dame, Murphy, Horlacher and Dustin.

A German artillery position in the town of Plougonvelin was the target of the third mission and the assigned area was successfully hit with 24 500-lb. GP bombs. No strafing was attempted. On the mission were Hendricks, Hogan, Rosvold, Baker, Lougee, Weinstein, Potter, Frisbie, Gibson, Hamilton, Foltz and Fauley.

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ALG 40, CHARTRES, France--(Sept 9)--Two armored column cover and armed reconnaissance missions in support of the advancing 3rd U. S. Armored Division in the Liege-Limbourg-Verviers area were flown by the squadron today. On the first mission were O'Connell, Helliesen, Rogal, Bauer, Talbott, Kerr, Dame, Fein, Carlson, Stoll, Horlacher and Krause.

Flying the second mission were Hendricks, Frisbie, Potter, Krause, Gibson, Murphy, Rosvold, Dustin, Driscoll, Bender, Olden and Barker

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ALG 40, CHARTRES, France--(Sept 10)--Armored column cover and armed reconnaissance for the 3rd U.S. Armored Division was the squadron's task again today and two missions of this type were flown in the Eupen-Limbourg-Verviers area. Talbott, Hogan, Hamilton, Hardy, Lougee, Frisbie, Potter, Weinstein, O'Connell, Rogal, Olden and Helliesen comprised the three flight formation that flew the first mission and Gibson, Soo, Foltz, Fauley, Driscoll, Barker, Arps, Bender, Carlson, Preston, Horlacher and Baker flew the second mission.

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ALG 40, CHARTRES, France--(Sept 11)--Armored column cover for the 3rd Armored Division at Vervier and armed reconnaissance in an area east of Malmedy was today's first assignment. The mission was flown by Hendricks, Murphy, Foltz, Kerr, Dame, Frisbie, Potter, Weinstein, O'Connell, Helliesen, Olden and Bauer. It was the squadron's two-hundred twenty fifth mission.

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ALG 69, LAON-ATHIES AIRDROME, France--(Sept 11)--The first formation of squadron aircraft to land on the recently captured Laon-Athies airdrome, the 397th's new base, set down at 1615 here today, After an armored column cover mission for the 3rd Armored Division in the Eupen vicinity. The interrogation following the mission yielded the largest haul of enemy aircraft recorded to date. Seven ME-109's were destroyed in the Eupen area after a series of dog-fights that lasted but fifteen minutes. Captain Talbott destroyed two and Captain Gibson, Lt Hamilton, Lt Stoll, Lt Bender and Lt Hogan each destroyed one. Captain Talbott collected heavy battle damage and had to bail out at Verviers. He returned to this base the following morning, only slightly injured. On the mission were Talbott, Hogan, Hamilton, Fein, Gibson, Baker, Preston, Stoll, Driscoll, Bender, Arps and Barker.

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ALG 69, LAON-ATHIES AIRDROME, France--(Sept 12)--Armored column cover for the 3rd Division in the Aachen vicinity and armed reconnaissance along the Rhine River to Cologne was the purpose of the two missions that were flown by the squadron today. Hendricks, Stoll, Rosvold, Baker, Driscoll, Barker, Arps, Bender, Lougee, Cassady, Dame and Fein flew the first mission. On the second mission were Gibson, Murphy, Horlacher, Dustin, O'Connell, Krause, Olden, Bauer, Foltz, Preston, Sutcliffe and Fauley.

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ALG 69, LAON-ATHIES AIRDROME, France--(Sept 13)--Air cover for the advancing 4th U.S. Infantry Division was supplied by the squadron today. A three flight formation, carrying 24-500 lb. GP bombs, flew the mission. The bombs were dropped on German strong points along the Siegfried Line with fair results. On the mission were Hendricks, Hardy, Rosvold, Hogan, Driscoll, Barker, Arps, Bender, Dame, Baker, Sutcliffe and Stoll.

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ALG 69, LAON-ATHIES AIRDRONE, France--(Sept 15)--Today's only mission was a single flight weather reconnaissance assignment in the Trier-Aachen area. It was uneventful. Flying the formation were Hendricks, Preston, Rosvold and Baker.

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ALG 69, LAON-ATHIES AIRDRONE, France--(Sept 16)--Area support for three boxes of B-26's bombing in the Metz vicinity was provided by the squadron this afternoon when a single flight was dispatched for the only mission of the day. Results of the bombing were unobserved. On the mission were Gibson, Kelly, Horlacher, and Fauley.

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ALG 69, LAON-ATHIES AIRDRONE, France--(Sept 17)--Two armored column, infantry cover and armed reconnaissance missions were flown by the squadron today. The first mission covered the Koblenz-Siegen-Olpe-Koln area. Twelve aircraft were dispatched for this mission, carrying a load of 24-500 pound GP bombs. All of the bombs were dropped in the target area and the results ranged from good to excellent. On the mission were Hendricks, Kalen, Rosvold, Cassady, Lougee, Krause, Potter, Weinstein, Carlson, Preston, Dams and Stoll. Eleven aircraft were used on the second mission. Their entire load of twenty-two five hundred pound GP bombs landed in the designated target area, but the results were unsatisfactory. On the mission were Col. Ferego, Murphy, Foltz, O'Connell, Helliesen, Rogal, Biagini, Driscoll, R.D. Sharp, Soo and Kerr.

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ALG 69, LAON-ATHIES AIRDRONE, France--(Sept 20)--Eight strong points on the Siegfried Line were the objectives of a mid-day dive bombing attack by a four flight squadron formation today. Thirty five hundred pound general purpose bombs were carried, but poor weather made it impossible to locate the targets and the entire load was returned to the base. Participating were Hendricks, Fernandez, Hamilton, Hardy, Carlson, Patrick, Preston, Baker, Olden, Helliesen, Rogal, Bauer, Driscoll, Kerr, Arps and Bender.

Lts Carlson, Preston and Kalen teamed up and knocked down and ME-410 to highlight today's second mission, and otherwise uneventful armed reconnaissance job between Cologne and Koblenz. Eight five hundred pound GP bombs were carried on the mission, but weather conditions prevented successful bombings. On the mission were O'Connell, Evans, Olden, Biagini, Dams, Hogan, Hamilton, Fein, Carlson, Kalen, Preston and Stoll.

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ALG 69, LAON-ATHIES, France--(Sept 21)--Two ground force support missions for the 7th Corps were flown by the squadron today. Eight bombs were carried on the first mission and all were dropped on a column of eight Tiger tanks, destroying four and damaging two. Lougee, Frisbie, Potter and Cassady flew the bomb-carrying flight, and Driscoll, Barker, Kerr, R.D. Sharp, Krause, Fein, Hamilton and Hardy flew as escort.

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ALG 69, LAON-ATHIES AIRDROME, France--(Sept 21 Contd)--Today's second assignment resulted in practically a repeat performance of the day's first mission, being the same in purpose and covering the same area. An identical bomb load was carried and all of the bombs were dropped on the designated target. The weather was again poor, however, preventing observation of the results, and impaired visibility made strafing impossible. Hendricks, Fernandez, Arps and Hogan comprised the bomb-carrying flight, with Carlson, Patrick, Preston, Baker, Olden, Helliesen, Rogal and Biagini flying as escort.

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ALG 69, LAON-ATHIES AIRDROME, France--(Sept 22)--~~A~~ The kick-off blow of today's operational activity was an effective dive bombing assault on three railway track sections southwest of Cologne. Three flights of four were dispatched on the assignment, carrying a load of 24-500 pound GP bombs. Results of the bombing included the cutting of one of the tracks and the destruction of three box cars. Strafing attacks followed the bombings and yielded additional results. Captain O'Connell and Lt Evans jointly destroyed a locomotive and Lts Arps and Carlson destroyed an additional two. On the mission were O'Connell, Evans, Rogal, Bauer, Driscoll, Sco, Arps, Bender, Carlson, Baker, Preston and Barker.

An uneventful fighter sweep over the Aachen-Dusseldorf-Cologne-Bonn-Euskirchen area concluded the day's work. Taking part were Hendricks, Fernandez, Olden, Helliesen, Krause, Hogan, Hamilton, Fein, Lougee, Weinstein, Potter and Cassidy.

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ALG 69, LAON-ATHIES AIRDROME, France--(Sept 23)--Provision of support for the 7th Corps and the 9th Infantry Division in the Aachen vicinity was the purpose of a combined ground force support and dive bombing mission that was flown by a three flight squadron formation this afternoon. Unfavorable weather conditions and intense flak barrages impaired the success of the mission and forced an early return home. On the mission were Gibson, Murphy, Foltz, Fauley, Carlson, Patrick, Rosvold, Baker, O'Connell, Bauer, Olden, and Biagini.

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ALG 69, LAON-ATHIES AIRDROME, France--(Sept 26)--Violent explosions, torrents of orange flame and blanketing clouds of black smoke were converting a Luftwaffe airdrome near Bonn into shambles late this afternoon following a routine dive bombing attack on the base by this squadron. Although only eight squadron planes were dispatched for the mission, their entire load of eight 500-pound general purpose bombs landed in such an effective pattern throughout the target area that several sizeable buildings were destroyed. Impending darkness forced the formation to disregard strafing opportunities and return home. On the mission were Gibson, Dustin, Horlacher, Fauley, Carlson, Patrick, Preston and Stoll.

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ALG 69, LAON-ATHIES AIRDROME, France--(Sept 27)--Today's only mission was a routine armed reconnaissance and dive bombing assignment in which the squadron covered the Euskirchen-Aachen-Cologne area and attacked a factory southwest of the latter city. Seven 500 pound general purpose bombs were dropped on the factory and considerable destruction resulted. No strafing was attempted. On the mission were Hendricks, Fernandez, Olden, Helliesen, Krause, Kelly, Foltz and Weinstein.

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ALG 69, LAON-ATHIES AIRDROME, France--(Sept 28)--Two routine armed reconnaissance missions were flown by the squadron today. The first mission covered the Frankfort-Wiesbaden-Koblenz area and the dive bombing phase was aimed at six barges. Eight 500 GP's were dropped on the barges, sinking four. Participating were: Colonel Ferego, Evans, Horlacher, Fauley, Carlson, Kalen, Rogal and Stoll.

Today's second mission covered the area of Siegen and Olpe, the bombing target being a railroad yard in the latter city. Results of the bombing attack included the destruction of six oil cars and several houses in the city. A factory to the west of the yards was also bombed, but the results were unobserved. On the mission were Hendricks, Kelly, Olden, Fernandez, Krause, Weinstein and Foltz.

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ALG 69, LAON-ATHIES AIRDROME, France--(Sept 29)--Two dive bombing missions were flown by the squadron today. A strong point was the target of the first mission and two batteries of entrenched guns at Kesternich was the objective of the second mission. Sixteen 500 pound GP bombs were dropped on each target to accomplish the missions in an effective but uneventful manner. On the first mission were Gibson, Dustin, Foltz, Frisbie, Krause, Weinstein, Olden and Biagini. On the second mission were Hendricks, Carbine, Rosvold, Fernandez, Carlson, Kalen, D. M. Sharp and Stoll.

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ALG 69, LAON-ATHIES AIRDROME, France--(Sept 30)--An uneventful reconnaissance mission to Liege was flown by Lougee and Carlson this afternoon to conclude the month's operational activity.

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APC 595, U. S. Army,
14 August 1944

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SUBJECT: Unit History.

TO : Commanding Officer, 368th Fighter Group, APO 595, U. S. Army.
ATTN: Historical Officer.

1. The August installment of the 368th Fighter Group Unit History has been received at this Headquarters. The above history has continued to be submitted promptly and it has maintained its record of being among the best written of this Command. It not only contains a complete operational history, but also the informal life of the men in the Group Headquarters and Squadrons that is necessary to make the unit history complete.

2. The four Unit Historians are to be commended for the distinctive and excellent work they have done.

By Command of Major General QUESADA:

/s/ R. J. Mays
R. J. MAYS,
Major, AGP,
Adjutant General.

A TRUE COPY:

/s/ MAURICE D. POWELL
MAURICE D. POWELL,
1st Lt, Air Corps,
Assistant Adjutant.

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Asst Intell Officer.

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APO 595, U. S. Army

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CONFIRMATION OF VICTORY CREDITS BOARD - AIR

19 August 1944

The "Confirmation of Victory Credits Board", as appointed by par. 6, SO 87, this Headquarters, dated 15 July 1944, confirms victory credit claims to the following officers this command:

NAME	GROUP	SQDN	1944 DATE	CLAIM			AWARD			TYPE E/A	PLACE	REMARKS
				D	P	DM	D	P	DM			
Major Paul P. Douglas	368	396	22-6	1			1			ME 109	St. Nilaire area	None
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2nd Lt. Paul J. Quilty	"	"	22-6	1			1			ME 109	W of Vire	"
Capt. Leon D. Myers	"	"	7-7			1			1	FW 190	Feret L'Eveque	"
1st Lt. Alfred E. Benton	"	"	7-7			1			1	FW 190	" "	"
1st Lt. R. A. O'Connell	"	397	22-6	1			1			ME 109	S of St Lo	"
2nd Lt. Wayne W. Driscoll	"	397	22-6	1			1			ME 109	S of St Lo	"
Major Randall W. Hendricks	"	397	22-6	1			1		1	ME 109	S of St Lo	Evidence
1st Lt. Robert S. Brown	"	397	22-6			1			1	FW 190	E of Canisy	None
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Capt. Eugene M. Potter	"	397	4-7	1			1			FW 190	Bille	"
1st Lt. John P. Feltz	"	397	7-7			1			1	FW 190	E of Vire	"
1st Lt. Rudolph L. Marice	"	397	17-7	1			1			FW 190	W of Falaise	"

APPROVED:

By command of Major General
QUESADA:

/s/ William B. Reed
WILLIAM B. REED
Colonel, Air Corps
President of Board

A TRUE COPY:

Donald D. Webster
DONALD D. WEBSTER
Captain, Air Corps,
397th Sqdn S-2.

A. G. KINGAID
Brig Gen, USA
Chief of Staff

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B-2 MISSION REPORT 397TH FS ARMORED COLUMN COVER

- A - Ops O No Miss No Y21-2 For Day No 1 Sept 5, 44
Armored Column Cover for 3rd Arm Div in Area of Mons
- B - 368 FS 397 FS
12 a/c dispatched, 1 a/c abortive - supercharger out
1 plane escorted abortive back
- C - Op 0947 TOT 1130 Down 1244
- D - 5 planes damaged by small arms fire or light flak - 3 in cat A, 2 in cat AC.
- E - Bomb Load 3x1x500 lb GP bombs Fuzing inst nose 1/4J tail
3 bombs in tgt areas 9 a/c used as escort
Our planes flew to Maubeuge. Bronco andoodle were both at Mons and were both contacted there. Our planes were instructed to fly west and south west
One bomb was dropped on 2 or 3 tanks in a town at J- 504. The tanks were missec but a house was hit and a road was seriously damaged. There were some trucks and other vehicles around the house and it is probable that they were destroyed. 20 vehicles in the same town were strafed and dest by capt Gibsons flight. These vehicles included trucks and horse drawn arty. a second bomb dest 15 vehicles in a town at J-2607. 75 vehicles in same town were strafed and dest by capt Lougees flight. third bomb dest 10 vehicles in the town at J-2607 20 vehicles in the same town were strafed and dest by Lt Driscolls flight.
F - Lt intense acc flak in tgt area. The points constituting the limits of the lines defining the tgt area are J-2000 J-3000 J-2010 J-3010.
G - The tgt area (defined in F) was jammed with German vehicles of all types. These vehicles were bumper to bumper. many dead horses were seen in the tgt area.
H - Low ceiling over tgt
I - Sqdn code not used
Pilots on mission
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| Gibson (bom) | Driscoll (bomb) | Lougee |
| Dustin | Barker | Gassady (bomb) |
| Foltz | Arps | Potter |
| Fauley | Fein | Frisbie |

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397TH FIGHTER SQUADRON 9-2 REPORT ON AN ARMORED COLUMN COVER MISSION ** SEPT. 3, 1944
(Squadron Mission No. 215)

- A. Mission No. Y21-2 --- Mission for days 2 --- September 3, 1944 ---
Armored Column Cover for 3rd Armored Division in vicinity of Mons
- B. 368th Fighter Group --- 397th Fighter Squadron --- 12 A/C dispatched ---
no aborts
- C. Up: 1504 --- TOT: 1556 --- down: 1757
- D. Nil
- E. Loaded 2X1X500 lb. GP inst. nose fusing bombs --- 1/40 tail
One (1) in target area did not go off
One (1) jettisoned unarmed in Forest of Normal
Ten (10) A/C used as escort
A/C contacted "Poodle" and Instang but were given no targets
- One (1) tank was strafed and damaged at J-3515
Ten (10) military trucks were strafed and destroyed at J-2105
Ten (10) military trucks were strafed and destroyed at J-2301
Ten (10) Horse drawn vehicles destroyed at J-2501
One hundred (100) horse drawn vehicles destroyed at J-2502
- F. Nil, except for light, weak and inaccurate flak in vicinity south of Mons
- G. U.S. columns observed at J-2601 and J-2917. About 2000 assorted horse
drawn and motor vehicles observed at J-2502. Many of these had already
been beaten up.
- H. 3/10 cloud --- base 3500 --- tops 4500 --- good visibility

Pilots on Mission

Hendricks --- bombs	O'Connell --- bombs	Carlson B.1
Col. Richardson - belly tanks	Hellieson --- belly tanks	Baker "
Lougee " "	Rogal	Sutcliffe "
Weinstein " "	Lt. Bauer	Stoll "

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397TH FIGHTER SQUADRON 9-2 ON ARMED RECONNAISSANCE MISSION *** SEPTEMBER 4, 1944
(Squadron Mission No. 216)

- A. O.C. No. Y21-2 --- Mission for day: 1 --- Armed Reconnaissance to Brussels-Antwerp-Russelt --- September 4, 1944
- B. 368th Fighter Group --- 397th Fighter Squadron --- 11 A/C dispatched --- no aborts
- C. Up: 0707 -- TOT: 0800 --- down: 1021 --- 1 plane landed at Paris for refueling
- D. Nil
- E. 3X1X500 GP bombs -- inst. nose fusing -- 1/40 tail -- loaded
3X1X500 lb. dropped on eastern part of Lovain Marshalling Yards with good results

Strafing: One (1) JU88 and One (1) DO-217 destroyed ~~in~~ A/D near Brussels at J-7058
Two Locomotives (2) in M/T at Lovain
Two (2) Jeeps and One (1) Military truck at J-9542
75 Horse drawn vehicles and horse drawn artillery and six Military trucks on Lovain-Diest Road -- at J-9558

- F. Flak -- heavy and light -- Intense - accurate - J-7546
Flak -- Light, Intense and accurate at J-6765
Flak -- Light, intense and accurate at J-9557
- G. British troops in woods at J-7060
German column headed east on Lovain-Diest Rd at J-9558
- H. Weather at target - 9/10 - 8000 ft - good visibility
" along coast: 10/10 -- 2000 ft. -- good vis. above 2000

Pilots on mission
Hendricks -- bomb
Soo
Arps
Bender

Gibson - bomb
Murphy
Horlacher
Dustin

Talbott
Dane
Bauer

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397TH FIGHTER BOMBARDIER SQUADRON S-2 REPORT ON AN ARMED RECONNAISSANCE MISSION *
SEPTEMBER 6, 1944

(Squadron Mission No. 217)

- A. O.C. No. 37, Par 30, IX TAC -- Mission #W51-2 -- Mission for day:1 --
Armed Reconnaissance-Saarbruecke, Kaiserslautern, Trier, Arlon, Luxembourg--
September 6, 1944
- B. 338th Fighter Group, -- 397th Fighter Squadron -- 12 A/C dispatched--
no aborts
- C. Up: 0751 -- TOT: 0910 -- down: 1105
- D. 2 A/C damaged by mid-air collision near Kaiserslautern. Capt. O'Connell
killed in at Helms - cat., probably, AD. Lt. George Bauer, cat. "AD"
- E. Bomb load 12 X 2 X 500 lb. GP inst.
Bombs on target: 24 X 500 lb.
All bombs dropped on marshalling yards about twelve miles Nw of Kaiserslautern-
w2-7999, one train and locomotive destroyed. Oil cars believed to have caught
fire on sidings and one building destroyed.
- F. Strafed same as above. No direct results observed.
- F. Nil except for flak near St Wendel, w2 6591 -- heavy, weak and accurate
- G. Nil
- H. 10/10 -- 1500 -- 2500 -- poor visibility
Code not used

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397th FIGHTER SQUADRON - 2 REPORT ON AN INFANTRY COVER AND DIV. BOMBING MISSION
SEPTEMBER 8, 1944.

(Squadron Mission No.)

- A. O.O.No. -- Mission No. 491-3 --- Mission No. for day: 1 -- Sept. 8, 1944
Armed Cover for 29th Infantry Division at Brest.
- B. 368th Fighter Group -- 397th Fighter Squadron -- 11 a/c dispatched--
no a/c aborts
- C. Up: 0652 -- Tot: 0620 to 0625 -- down: 0940
- D. Nil
- E. Bomb load: 1122000 lb. of bombs
Fusing: inst. nose, 1/40 tail
22 bombs on target area
No a/c. used as escort
Our planes contacted "Default" (29th Inf. Div.) and were instructed to
bomb a fort at 4-916011. This order was executed; all 22 bombs were
dropped on target area. The results of the bombing were excellent--
smoke was seen. --- no straggling.
- F. Nil
- G. Series panels war./ seen close to Brest.
- H. Weather good no hearing of mission.
- I. Squadron code was not used.

All bombs
Hendricks
Hogan
Arause

Driscoll
Gander
Arps
Barker

Gibson
Mellissen
Olden
Lt. Bauer

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327th Fighter Squadron S-2 Attack on 29th Infantry Div. at Brest, France
September 8, 1944

(Squadron Mission No. 9)

- A. O.C. -- Mission No. 401-3 -- Missive for days 3 -- September 8, 1944 --
Armed Cover for 29th Infantry Div. at Brest
- B. 368th Fighter Group -- 327th FS -- 12 A/C dispatched -- no aborts
- C. Up: 1125 -- 101: 1245 -- to 1315 -- down: 1440
- D. Nil
- E. Bomb load: 1000 lb. of bombs
Fusing: Inst nose, 1/10 tail
No bombs on target area
24 bombs jettisoned in bay of Mont St. Michel
No acft. used as escort
"Default" (29th Inf. Div. position) not contacted until 0447. Our planes
had been in the area of Brest over 30 minutes. The target assigned at
that time was a German strong point in a chateau north of Brest. By
the time our planes had located the chateau "Default" instructed them
not to bomb it, for our troops had moved into the area. A second target
was then assigned. Its coordinates were given, but its character was
not described. It was located about 12 miles W. of Brest. After having
unsuccessfully searched for this target for a time, our planes had to
come home. All 24 bombs were jettisoned in the Bay of Mont St. Michel.
No strafing
- F. Heavy, moderate, accurate flak at Brest (at least some of this flak was
on the southern edge of the city, 1000' our planes observed it while they
were flyin. over the water south of the city.
Light, intense flak of unknown accuracy at Brest.
- G. Gas panels seen ~~near~~ near Brest. They were not well marked. Three
flashes of what seemed to be artillery fire were seen in the northern
part of Brest on the eastern side of the river -- these flashes were close
together. An AA battery of five guns was seen in Brest at 1-24, 221.
- H. S/L cloud coverage - cumulus clouds - base 2000 to 3000 ft. -- top: 10000 ft
There were several rain storms between base and Brest
Visibility was very poor in these rain storms--only a few hundred yards
- I. Squadron code not used

All bombs

Talbott	Carlson	Wane
Hardy	Preston	Murphy
Rogel	Sutcliffe	Corlecher
Foin	Stoll	Justin

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597th Fighter Squadron and 2nd Bomb Group, 12th Air Force, 12th Air Force, 12th Air Force
September 8, 1944

(Squadron Mission No.)

- A. O.G. No. -- Mission No. 451-9 -- mission for day: 9 -- September 8, 1944
strafed cover for 29th Inf. Div. at Brest.
- B. 598th Fighter Group -- 597th Fighter Squadron -- 12 acft. dispatched--
no aborts
- C. Up: 1235 -- 101: 1220 -- down: 1201
- D. Nil
- E. Bomb load: 12(2)30 lb. GP bombs
fusing: inst. nose, 1/40 tail
24 bombs in target area.
No acft. used as escort
"Default" (29th Inf. Div.) assigned as the target a German artillery
position in the town of Slougonvella at 4-7796. There were many Germans
in houses in the town. The results of the bombing were excellent. Smoke
explosions were seen.
No strafing
- F. Light, intense, accurate flak 4 two miles due west of target.
Heavy, moderate, accurate flak in target area.
Heavy, moderate, inaccurate flak in area of 4-7596 (throughout the
whole tip of land extending into the water in that general area)
- G. Light, intense, accurate flak in the same area.
- H. Cerise panels were seen 900 yds. n. of Slougonvella, 4-7796. Cerise
panels were seen slightly east of Brest.
- I. 9/10 cloud coverage, cumulus and cumulo-nimbus clouds -- base 1,000
to 2,000 ft. -- top: 2,000 ft. -- visibility: very good, except in rain
storms. A several rain storms were encountered. The weather made
our planes about five minutes late.
- I. Squadron code was not used.

All bombs

Hendricks	Langes	Gibson
Hogan	Wainstein	Hamilton
Kosvold	Gatter	Foltz
Baker	Frisbie	Fauley

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397th FIGHTER SQUADRON B-2 REPORT ON AN ARMORED COLUMN COVER AND AHEAD
RECONNAISSANCE MISSION ***** SEPTEMBER 9, 1944
(Squadron Mission No.)

- A. O.C. No. --- Mission No. Y21-2 --- Mission for day: 1 --- September 9, 1944
Armored Column Cover for 3rd Armored Division (Abadie, Bronco and Instand
in area of Liege, Limbourg and Verviers)
- B. 368th Fighter Group -- 397th FS. -- 12 acft dispatched -- 1 acft. abortive
belly tank would not feed and transmitter was out
- C. Up: 1107 -- 1000; 1230 -- down: eight planes down at 1418.
- D. One plane was hit by light flak at K-7230 - cat. "A". This plane did
not land at base. A second plane was hit by light flak - cat. "A".
Lt. Carlson was flying the plane which did not land at base - he made a
"wheels down" landing at strip 498, 35555. The other two pilots in his
flight, Lt's Morlacher and Stoll, landed with him. The abortive was also
in his flight.
- E. Bomb load: 2x2500 lb. G. bombs
Fusing: inst. nose 1/40 tail
Four bombs in target area
Nine planes used as escort
Bronco one and three were contacted at Liege. Two bombs were dropped on
two tanks at Limbourg, K-7535. One tank was damaged; the other continued
to move along. Two bombs were dropped on smoke ~~at~~ at K-7530. Direct
hits were scored. Captain O'Connell's flight strafed and destroyed one
truck and several horses at Limbourg. Lt's Dame and Fein strafed and
destroyed one truck about five miles north of Verviers and one truck about
five miles south of Limbourg. Lt Carlson's flight strafed two tanks and
one vehicle at K-7227. The two tanks were damaged and the ~~truck~~ vehicle
was destroyed
- F. Light, intense, accurate flak at K-7230
Light, intense, accurate flak in the area n.e. of Limbourg
Light, intense, accurate flak mounted on a German column which was in the
area of K-7555 and moving toward Aachen.
Light, intense, accurate flak along the roads on which this column was
moving
- G. Bronco one & three were at Liege. Instand was at K-7022. Fifty German
tanks and fifty other vehicles were seen in the area of K-7555, moving
toward Aachen. Our troops were only two miles behind this column. Many
scattered tanks were seen at Herve
- H. 6/10 to 7/10 cloud coverage - cumulus clouds - base 3000 ft. - top: 8000
visibility: good. In spite of this the weather was rather poor and cloud
layers are building up
- I. Squadron code was not used

O'Connell (bombs)
Helleisen
Rogal
Lt. Bauer

Talbott (bombs)
Kerr
Dame
Fein

Carlson
Stoll
Morlacher
Krause

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397th Fighter Squadron 9-9-44
Gulf of Tonkin, Vietnam, 9-9-44
(Squadron mission No.)

- a. 0900 hrs. --- mission no. 121-2 --- mission no. for day: 2
September 9, 1944 --- covered Saigon cover for 2nd Army Division
(Boodle, Bruno and Inland, in area of alogs, Farviers and Nerve.
- b. 360th Fighter Group --- 177th Fighter Squadron --- 12 acct. disp.
one abortive (radio out)
- c. Up: 1712 --- 20: 1800 --- down: 2011
- d. All
- e. Bomb load: 2000 lb. of bombs
Fueling: inst. nose-1/4 tail
Four bombs in target areas
One acct. used as escort
Upon reaching mission area our planes contacted Bruno, Boodle and
Inland. Two bombs were aimed at a tank at 2-3420. The tank was not hit
by the bombs, but a house on the side of the road was destroyed. Two
bombs were dropped on a tank at 2-3420. The tank was under a
railroad bridge. The bridge was knocked down on to the tank, thus
both bridge and tank were destroyed.
Major Hendricks strafed and destroyed five trucks about one mile n.w.
of Farviers. Major Hendricks strafed and destroyed the tank missed
by the bombs at 2-3420. Lt. Carter and Capt. Bruno strafed and de-
stroyed a staff car in the Nerve.
- f. Light, intense, inaccurate flak at 2-3530
Light, weak, inaccurate flak at Nerve
- g. An Fc 120 was seen exploding on the ground at 2-3015. A locomotive
and train were seen in the area of 2-3314. A locomotive and train
were seen ~~at~~ in the area of 2-3162. A locomotive and train were
seen in the area of 2-3666.
- h. The weather had no bearing on the mission
- i. Squadron code was not used

Hendricks (bombs)	Gibson (bombs)	Arincoll
Friddle	Curphy	Sander
Carter	Reavold	Libon
Bruno	Dustin	Barber

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397th FIGHTER SQUADRON S-2 REPORT ON AN ARMORED COLUMN COVER AND ARMED
RECONNAISSANCE MISSION ***** SEPTEMBER 10, 1944
(Squadron Mission No.)

- A. O.O. No. --- Mission No. I 21-1 --- Mission day: --- Sept. 10, 1944
Armored column cover for 3rd Armored Div. in area of Limbourg
- B. 368th Fighter Group --- 397th Fighter Squadron --- 12 acft. dispatched
no aborts
- C. Up: 0904 --- Down: 1030 to 1115 --- down: 1232
- D. Nil
- E. $\frac{1}{2}$ Bomb load: 2X2X500 lb. GP bombs
fusings: inst. nose-1/40 tail
Four bombs in target area
Ten planes used as escort
Bronco one was contacted and sent our planes to open to a train
in the marshalling yard. As a whole squadron with all planes bombed up
was found there, our planes did no bombing at this place. Our planes
then flew to a railroad at A-7024, where some strafing was done. Then
instead sent our planes about one mile south of Limbourg to bomb a gun.
This gun could not be found and several vehicles at the same place were
bombed instead. All four bombs were dropped on these vehicles, one
vehicle was destroyed.
Lt. Potter strafed a train at A-7024. He destroyed a locomotive and possibly
some cars.
Lt. Hamilton strafed and destroyed a vehicle about one and one half miles
south of Limbourg.
Capt. Talbott strafed and damaged a vehicle at the same place
Capt. Lougee's flight strafed and damaged two vehicles at the place of
bombing, about one mile south of Limbourg
- F. Heavy, weak flak of unknown accuracy at Aachen, this flak was firing on
planes other than our own
- G. Instead was one mile south of Limbourg. Bronco was north of Limbourg,
The balloons recorded on the ground yesterday near a lake were flying at
2000 feet
- H. Weather had no bearing on mission
- I. Squadron code was not used

Talbott (bombs)	Lougee (bombs)	O'Connell
Hogan	Frisbie	Hogal
Hamilton	Potter	Olden
Hardy	Gemstein	Kellissen

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397TH FIGHTER SQUADRON 9-2 REPORT ON ARMORED COLUMN COVER AND ROAD RECONNAISSANCE
MISSION ***** SEPTEMBER 10, 1944

(Squadron Mission No.)

- A. O. G. No. --- Mission No. 121-1 --- Mission for day 2 --- Sept. 10, 1944
Armored Column # Cover for 3rd. Armored Division in area of Eupen, Limbourg
and Verviers
- B. 397th Fighter Squadron - 353th Fighter Group - 12 dispatched - no aborts
- C. Up: 1510 -- T OT: 1615 -- down : 1828
- D. Nil
- E. Bomb load: 2X2X 500 lb. Gp bombs
Fusing : inst. nose-1/40 tail
Four bombs in target area
Ten acft used as escort
Instand was contacted at Verviers. Four bombs were dropped on tank tanks
at K-7724. One tank was damaged.
Lt. Driscoll strafed and destroyed one vehicle at Eupen. Lt. Arps and
Lt Bender destroyed one truck in Limbourg. Lt. Arps and Lt Bender Destroyed
three vehicle three miles n.e. of Limbourg. Lt Foltz destroyed by strafing
one vehicle in a woods five miles s. e. of Eupen.
- F. Light, weak, innacurate flak at K -5320
- G. Many beaten up vehicles seen in Eupen, Limbourg area. A US Armored column
is in Limbourg. Cerise panels were seen six miles west of Eupen.
- H. Weather had no effect on mission
- I. Squadron code was not used

Gibson (bombs)	Driscoll (bombs)	Carlson
Soo	Barker	Preston
Foltz	Arps	Horlacher
Fauley	Bender	Bakar

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3574. Flight. Squadron 1-2 report of Lt. Col. J. G. ... and ...
 Date: ... 11, 1944

(Squadron Mission No. ...)

- A. O.C. No. --- Mission No. 121-2 --- Mission No. 1 --- Date: 11, 1944
 Broke column cover for 3rd. Airborne Division at ...
 in an area east of ...
- B. 358th Fighter Group --- 357th Fighter Squadron --- 10 ...
 no aborts
- C. Up: 0717 --- 10: 000 to 000 --- down: 1000
- D. 151
 Fuel load: 2000 lb. of bombs
 Fueling: inst. nose - 1/4 tail
 Four bombs in target areas
 Ten acft. used as escort
 Our planes contacted Instand I and France at ...
 a reconnaissance of the Verriere area, ...
 and conducted an area reconnaissance ...
 Major Hendricks dropped two bombs on a locomotive and train under a bridge
 at 1-1700. The locomotive and train and track were destroyed.
 Capt. O'Connell aimed two bombs at a locomotive and train at 1-1700, but
 missed.
 Lt. Halliesen strafed and destroyed a ... at ... (1-1800)
 Capt. O'Connell's flight destroyed a ... at ...
 Major Hendricks strafed and destroyed a locomotive at 1-1800
 Lt. Murphy strafed and destroyed a locomotive at 1-1800
 Major Hendricks and Lt. Murphy jointly strafed and destroyed a train
 at 1-1900
 Lt. Foltz strafed and destroyed two railroad cars in a marshaling yard
 at 1-1900. These cars probably carried ammunition of some sort for a sort
 of orange yellow smoke was seen.
 Major Hendricks strafed and destroyed one track at Ballange
 Lt. Murphy strafed and destroyed one staff car and one locomotive at Ballange
 Capt. O'Connell's flight destroyed one locomotive and damaged cars at 1-1700
 Capt. O'Connell's flight destroyed and strafed a train loco. at 1-1600
- F. Moderate and inaccurate 20 mm. flak at 1-750
 light, intense, accurate flak slightly west of 1-1900
- G. Instand and France were in the Verriere area. The electric lines were seen
 and many tank traps were noted there. Much German R.R. activity was observed.
 An American column was seen moving east out of Verriere. Barrage balloons
 were seen flying at 1000 feet at a lake at 1-1800.
- H. The weather had no bearing on the mission.
- I. Squadron code was not used

Hendricks (bombs)	Damo	O'Connell (bombs)
Murphy	Frisbie	Halliesen
Foltz	Potter	Olden
Kerr	Wainstein	Lt. honor

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first mission to land on airbase

1 -- 3rd Arrived Bolson lower vicinity of target.
Operations Order #12-2
Ops Dash 2
Sept 11th 1954

2 -- 500th sq - 347th sqd
12/1/54 dispatched - 30 a/c's

3 -- p 1815 - 17 1835 - low 1815

4 -- Capt Talbot reported to be MIA, was called in by teletype - has parachuted
safely into town of Terriers.
4 planes hit at near target - combat action
2 " " " " " " " " " " " "

5 -- To meet our flight at 1800 and 1815 in vicinity of target. Four of our
a/c's follow

	Co Troops	No Man
Capt Talbot destr. #1109	" " "	" "
Capt Gibson	" " "	" "
Lt Hamilton	" " "	" "
Lt Stoll	" " "	" "
Lt Gardner	" " "	" "
Lt Logan	" " "	" "

6 -- loaded 2x2x500 of inst
all bombs dropped at 5 tanks at 1774293
all were apparently near misses
12 armored vehicles destr by strafing at 18020
2 staff cars

7 -- Air opposition - 2 attacks by #1109
1st near target at 1700 hrs - 15 plus #1109
2nd vicinity of 17523 at 1818 hrs - 33 #1109
AA 18030 L-10

8 -- our balloons observed headed SW near Valkenruidt 17430

9 -- 4/10 at 1800 good visib.

Talbot	Gibson
Logan	Hammer
Hamilton	Stoll
Stoll	Gardner

Stoll, Gardner, Arps, Gardner

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- 1. The first part of the report is a general description of the project and its objectives.
- 2. The second part is a detailed description of the methods used in the study.
- 3. The third part is a description of the results of the study.
- 4. The fourth part is a discussion of the results and their implications.
- 5. The fifth part is a conclusion and recommendations for further study.
- 6. The sixth part is a list of references.
- 7. The seventh part is a list of figures and tables.
- 8. The eighth part is a list of appendices.
- 9. The ninth part is a list of abbreviations.
- 10. The tenth part is a list of symbols.

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Special Agent in Charge
Date: _____

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397th Bombardment Squadron 3-2 hours on 4 missions over Aachen 15-16 SEPT 15, '44
Squadron Mission

- A. O.C. No. --- Mission No. --- Mission for day: 3 --- Sept. 15, '44
Weather reconnaissance in area of Trier and Aachen
- B. 350th FB --- 397th FB
- C. 4 acft dispatched - no aborts
- D. Up: 12:01 --- time over Trier: 11:39 --- time over Aachen: 11:49
Down: 12:45 ---
- E. Nil
- F. Nil
- G. Nil
- H. Nil
- I. Between base & Trier: 2/10 to 10/10 cloud coverage--cumulus clouds -- base: 3000 ft. -- top: 4000 ft. -- visibility: very good above clouds -- visibility 1/2 to three quarters of a mile below clouds --
Between Trier and Aachen 2/10 to 10/10 cloud coverage--cumulus clouds -- base was at least--top: 3000 ft. A second layer of cumulus clouds between 3000 and 4000 ft. Visibility above clouds very good. Visibility below clouds 1/2 to three quarters of a mile
Southwest of Aachen, there were breaks. The cloud coverage was 2/10 cumulus clouds with base at 1500 feet and top at 3000 ft. There ~~was~~ were layered alto cumulus clouds at 10,000 ft. -- visibility above clouds was very good. Visibility below clouds was 1/2 to three quarters of a mile
Aachen area was not used
- J. Pilots on mission
Hornik
Houston
Osveid
Baker

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57th Fighter Group, 3-2 Mission, at 1740 hours, 15 September 1944
at 1740 hours, 15 September 1944
(Squadron Mission No.) 231

- A. 1. 1740 hours, 15 September 1944 -- Mission for day: 1 -- September 15, 1944
Area support for 3 boxes of B-26's in area of Metz
- B. 1. 1740 hours, 15 September 1944 -- 4 acft disp. -- no shorts (ok. 4 acft)
- C. 1. 1740 hours, 15 September 1944 -- down: 1 ME
- D. 1. 1740 hours, 15 September 1944 -- flow with 8 acft of 395 sq
- E. 1. 1740 hours, 15 September 1944 -- Our planes flew to Metz where they saw 3 boxes of B-26's. One box contained about thirty planes and each of the other boxes contained about 20 planes. Our planes circled the area around Metz. There orbit put them beyond the back line. It is believed probable that the B-26's bombed Metz. The results of the bombing were unobserved. The bombers were flying at about 10,000 feet.
- F. 1. 1740 hours, 15 September 1944 -- There were radio reports of the dropping of bombs over Cologne and later over London. It is believed that the results are unknown.
- G. 1. 1740 hours, 15 September 1944 -- The clouds were very low and the visibility was poor. The weather conditions in the target area were generally poor and they forced our planes down from 10,000 ft. to 11,000 ft.
- H. 1. 1740 hours, 15 September 1944 -- Squadron: cold was not used.

Pilots -- no bombs
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S-2 REPORT ON ARMED RECON MISSION 29 SEPT 44 Mission No. 255

- A - O.O. No. ----- Mission No. 121-7 ---- Mission for day 2 ---- Sept. 20, 1944
Mission was to have been an armed reconnaissance between Cologne and Koblenz
in an area extending 15 miles on either side of the Rhine river
- B 368th Fighter Group -- 397th Fighter Squadron --- 12 acft disp.-- no aborts
- C Up: 1629 -- T.O.I.: 1745 -- down: 1916
- D One-flak-cat "A"
One-flak-cat "B"
One B-410 was destroyed in the area of L-59, J. The pilots involved in the
destruction of this B/A were Lieut. Carlson, Preston, Stoll, Rein and Kalen.
The B-410 was seen to fall into a river and to explode. B/A was dest. about
1740
- E Bomb load: 4x2000 lb. of bombs
Fusing: inst. nose-1/40 tail
Eight bombs in target area
Eight acft. used as escort
It was thought that "Lewoputaxen" was contacted by ground forces while our
planes were in the area of target. Eight bombs were dropped on four trucks
and two other vehicles in the area of L-59, J. The B-410 was seen to fall into
the river and to explode. The B-410 was destroyed by a flak battery of the 1st
and 2nd, encountered in the area of L-59, J. at about 1740. When first en-
countered it was flying at about 4000 ft.
Heavy, accurate, fairly accurate flak in the area of L-59, J.
Heavy, accurate, fairly accurate flak slightly west of L-59, J.
Light, accurate, inaccurate flak in the place which could not be located
Heavy, accurate, accurate flak slightly s.e. of prior
No pilots were seen about 12 miles s.w. of prior on the Moselle river.
Our forces were dispersed in fields west of the river--fires were seen east
of the river.
No cloud coverage - base of clouds 5000 ft. -- visibility: very bad
There was a front in the target area--weather conditions were very poor
and were in large part responsible for the poor results of our bombing
Squadron code was not used

Bombs		
O'Connell	"	Dams
Evans	"	Hogan
Olden	"	Hamilton
Diagini	"	Rein
		Carlson
		Kalen
		Preston
		Stoll

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27th Fighter Group - 2nd Squadron - 21st Sept 1944
(Squadron Mission No. 276)

6. O.C. No. --- Mission No. 121-2 --- Mission for day 1 --- Sept. 21, 1944
Mission was to have been support for 7th Corps (A-7057) and its subsidiary
units - 1st Infantry Division (slightly south of Aachen) and 9th Infantry
Division (A-2630). When our planes were to have conducted an armed reconnoi
in the area of Aachen, Cologne, Bonn, and Aachen (A-2630) and Aachen (A-2630)
7. 250th Fighter Group - 27th Fl - 12 sqdn - no reports
8. up: 1251 --- 1319 to 1400 --- down: 1400
9. All
10. Bomb load: 4x2,000 lb. of bombs
Fueling: last nose-1/40 tail
3 bombs in target area
3 sqdn. used as escort
- Our planes flew to A-2007, where they contacted 7th Corps.
Biller ordered them to fly to Stolberg (A-2141) and to contact Bronco
who was with at A-2141. This order was executed. Bronco ordered
our planes to bomb large tanks (probably Tiger tanks) just outside of
Stolberg at A-257433. All 3 bombs were dropped on these tanks. Four bomb
sites were seen - 3 tanks were destroyed and two were damaged.
No strafing.
11. Light, moderate, inaccurate rain later in area at A-257433
12. Bronco ordered our plane to make a traffic check just n.e. of Stolberg.
A few little cars were seen. Bronco was located at A-251441. Four or 5
German tanks moving n.e. were seen at A-257433. Many A-24's were seen fly-
ing n.e. toward home. Many B-24's were seen flying toward enemy territory.
White smoke in the shape of an arc was seen about 10 miles n.e. of target.
This smoke was probably the result of rocket fire directed at our bombers.
A few fires were seen in Stolberg.
13. Squadron code was not used
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| Bobe | Driacoll | Krause |
| Lougee | Barker | Fein |
| Frinkie | Kerr | Hamilton |
| Potter | A.B. Sharp | Narby |
| Cassady | | |

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X Squadron Mission No. 27,

✓ Mission No. 121-3 --- mission for day: --- Sept. 21, 1944 ---
Mission was to have been support for 7th Corps (A-907), and its subsidiary
units - 1st Div. (slightly s. of base), and 2nd Div. (A-9690)
When our planes were to have conducted an armed reconnaissance in the area
of Machet, Colima, Sonora (A-9427, and A-9690)

✓ 1. 2nd Div. --- 2nd Div. ---
In flight dispatched --- no aborts
Op: 1110 --- 1110 to 1130 --- 1130

2. No bombs
3. Fuel: 1st. 1/2 tail
4. Fuel: 1/2 tail
5. Fuel: 1/2 tail

6. Fuel: 1/2 tail
7. Fuel: 1/2 tail
8. Fuel: 1/2 tail
9. Fuel: 1/2 tail
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15. Fuel: 1/2 tail
16. Fuel: 1/2 tail
17. Fuel: 1/2 tail
18. Fuel: 1/2 tail
19. Fuel: 1/2 tail
20. Fuel: 1/2 tail

1. At target: 7/10 cloud coverage - cumulus clouds - base: 3000 to 4000 ft.
Top: 5000 to 7000 ft. visibility was very poor. Below the clouds it
was, at most, one mile. The weather in general was poor, and in very poor
visibility prevented our planes from striking. A few good spots of vis-
ibility were seen on the way home
I. Squadron code was not used

Bombs	No bombs	No bombs
Hendricks	Carlson	Olden
Fernandez	Patrick	Hellison
Arpe	Freston	Mogal
Hogan	Baker	Sigini

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- 1 - 1st Gen 5-10-44, Mission No. 121-2, Mission No. 10, 1st Gen 5-10-44.
- 2 - 1st Gen 5-10-44, Mission No. 121-2, Mission No. 10, 1st Gen 5-10-44.
- 3 - 1st Gen 5-10-44, Mission No. 121-2, Mission No. 10, 1st Gen 5-10-44.
- 4 - 1st Gen 5-10-44, Mission No. 121-2, Mission No. 10, 1st Gen 5-10-44.
- 5 - 1st Gen 5-10-44, Mission No. 121-2, Mission No. 10, 1st Gen 5-10-44.
- 6 - 1st Gen 5-10-44, Mission No. 121-2, Mission No. 10, 1st Gen 5-10-44.
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- 10 - 1st Gen 5-10-44, Mission No. 121-2, Mission No. 10, 1st Gen 5-10-44.
- 11 - 1st Gen 5-10-44, Mission No. 121-2, Mission No. 10, 1st Gen 5-10-44.
- 12 - 1st Gen 5-10-44, Mission No. 121-2, Mission No. 10, 1st Gen 5-10-44.
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- 14 - 1st Gen 5-10-44, Mission No. 121-2, Mission No. 10, 1st Gen 5-10-44.
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- 16 - 1st Gen 5-10-44, Mission No. 121-2, Mission No. 10, 1st Gen 5-10-44.
- 17 - 1st Gen 5-10-44, Mission No. 121-2, Mission No. 10, 1st Gen 5-10-44.
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- 19 - 1st Gen 5-10-44, Mission No. 121-2, Mission No. 10, 1st Gen 5-10-44.
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- 21 - 1st Gen 5-10-44, Mission No. 121-2, Mission No. 10, 1st Gen 5-10-44.
- 22 - 1st Gen 5-10-44, Mission No. 121-2, Mission No. 10, 1st Gen 5-10-44.
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- 24 - 1st Gen 5-10-44, Mission No. 121-2, Mission No. 10, 1st Gen 5-10-44.
- 25 - 1st Gen 5-10-44, Mission No. 121-2, Mission No. 10, 1st Gen 5-10-44.
- 26 - 1st Gen 5-10-44, Mission No. 121-2, Mission No. 10, 1st Gen 5-10-44.
- 27 - 1st Gen 5-10-44, Mission No. 121-2, Mission No. 10, 1st Gen 5-10-44.
- 28 - 1st Gen 5-10-44, Mission No. 121-2, Mission No. 10, 1st Gen 5-10-44.
- 29 - 1st Gen 5-10-44, Mission No. 121-2, Mission No. 10, 1st Gen 5-10-44.
- 30 - 1st Gen 5-10-44, Mission No. 121-2, Mission No. 10, 1st Gen 5-10-44.

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1st Gen	2nd Gen	3rd Gen	4th Gen
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Summary

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- A. 20. 18. --- Mission No. 121-3 --- Mission 18. for day: 2
September 22, 1944 --- Fighter sweep in area of Sersdorf, Bad-
seldorf, Oelghe, Bonn and Lutzerath
- B. 20. 18. --- 207th FS
12 acft. dispatched
- C. 1 acft. abortive --- cloudy river open in woods etc.
14: 19. --- 14: 19. to 17.30 --- down: 14.1
- D. Nil
- E. Nil
- F. Heavy, intense flak at Bonn. If this flak was firing at our planes
it was very inaccurate - if any possibly have been firing at other planes
Lutzerath was seen burning. Smoke was seen coming from the town and
from an overcast. Heavy trains were seen to be operating. There was a
great deal of activity there. e.g. factories were operating. 2-30's
were being fired from the town.
- G. 3/10 cloud coverage - expanse of city and also clouds. There may even
have been some expanse of clouds - but clouds were not low enough
to determine precisely the base of the clouds, but it was thought that
the base was about 1000 ft. High level visibility: very poor
navigation code was used in contact with "unidentified"
after 10.30 and then made to obtain the proper reply from
"unidentified" the latter was not appropriate.

13 to 18
Bernard
Ciden
Lalissen

19 to 24
Hogge
Hamilton
Jett

25 to 30
Leinstell
Lottor
Macady

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597th Bombardment Squadron B-24 Liberator (Heavy Bomber) Squadron (Medium Bomber) Squadron
 (Medium Bomber) Squadron (Medium Bomber) Squadron

- a. 3.0. --- mission no. 121-2 --- mission for day 1 --- cont. 10, 1944
 support for 7th Corps at 1-90,1 and 91.1 in Div. ~~1/12~~, which was about
 12 miles s.e. of Saigon
- b. South fighter group --- 3 7th A.S.
 12 acct. dispatched --- 2 aborts, 1 because fuel gauges went out and 2
 because they became lost owing to bad weather:
 Op: 1,47 --- alt: 1000 to 171, --- ident: 1,2
- c. Nil
- d. Bomb load: 4 x 1000 lb. or bombs
 Fusing: inst. nose-1/40 tail
 Six bombs in target area
 Two bombs returned to base (by no. 1 abort)
 Night acct. seen as escort
 Our plane (no. 1-107), which (11th Corps) was located. They
 contacted (11th) called next time to speak with (10th Inf. Div.),
 which was located 12 miles s.e. of Saigon. (10th Inf. Div.) gave our planes a
 target 12 miles s.e. of Stoberg. Our planes headed for this target, but
 we were away by alt. 1000 to 1000 ft. They were going to
 Stoberg. (11th Corps) advised this was a practice station, because of
 the presence of (11th Corps) troops in the area, and the base and bomb north of
 (11th Corps) plane base. A road in the area at about 7-02.10. There
 were many barge and trucks in the area. Our plane was dropped in the area.
 My tail shot 30 ft. to the air.
- e. Night acct. seen as escort, intense (11th Corps) placements in
 of (11th Corps) base and its about 12 miles s.e. of Stoberg.
 Heavy, intense, placements (11th Corps) this (11th Corps) was firing
 at 1-20's.
- f. Red pencils were seen about 12 miles s.e. of the (11th Corps) which
 was located about 7 miles s.w. of Stoberg. (10th Inf. Div.)
 was 12 miles s. e. of Saigon. Sweepstakes reported over the radio that
 there were many barges on the river between (11th Corps) and (11th Corps). Our planes
 could not contact Sweepstakes on a channel on the way home, in all pro-
 bability because they were flying too low (they were flying at 1000 or
 1500 ft.)
- g. 8/10 to 9/10 cloud coverage -- cumulus clouds -- base: 2000 ft. --
 top: 12000 to 14000 ft. -- visibility: poor. The weather in general
 was very poor and had a decidedly adverse effect on the mission. Two of
 our planes were abortives because of the weather. In general, our planes
 returned earlier than they would have returned had weather conditions
 been favorable
- h. Squadron code was not seen

Bombs	Carlson	O'Connell
Jibson	Patrick (weather abortive)	Bauer
Murphy	Mosvold	Upton
Folts (weather abortive)	Baker	Biagini (abortive)
Faulay		because his instruments were out

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597th F Sq B-2 apt on a U/Bomb mission - 26 Sept 44 - Sq mission No. 241

- A -- Opns O No. _____, Mission No. 121-9, Mission No. for Day: 11, 26 Sept 44.
 U/Bomb of airfld just S of Cologne at F5160.
- B -- 597 F Sq, 368 F Op. B A/U Disp -- no aborts.
- C -- Up: 1716 - 101: 1800 to 1815 - Down: 1905.
- D -- One -- flak -- Cat "A".
- E -- B/Load: 4 x 2 x 500-lb bombs.
 Misc: inst nose, 1/40 tail.
 8 in tgt area.
 4 A/U as sect.
- Sweepstakes directed our planes to attack an ~~air~~ concentration at 48949.
 As our planes were on the way to this point, Sweepstakes Charlie took over, told them to disregard previous order, and directed them to attack an airfld ~~just S of Cologne at F5160~~. All 8 bombs were dropped on the airfld. Violent explosions were seen. The bombs were dropped in a bldg area and several bldgs were destr. Flame and black smoke were seen and it is thought that fuel or oil dumps were hit. There was no strafing because although there were opportunities, it was growing late and our planes had to land before darkness had set in.
- F -- div, int, inacc flak at F1415 (Schleider).
 div, int, acc flak at Cologne.
 acc and very inacc rocket fire at 52040 (it was believed that this was rocket fire because brown smoke and red balls were seen).
- G -- Several trains were seen moving eastward out of Cologne near the airfld which was bombed. Several trains were seen S of Buskrochen moving in a southwesterly direction.
- H -- sea had no bearing on the mission.
- I -- Sq code not used.

Bombs: GIBSON, DUSTIN, McLACHLAN, FANLEY
 Sect: CARLSON, PARADE, BOSTON, STOLL

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397th FIGHTER SQUADRON 3-2 REPORT ON AN ARMED RECONNAISSANCE AND DIVE BOMBING
MISSION **** SEPTEMBER 27, 1944
(Squadron Mission No. 242)

- A. U.O. No. ----- Mission No. 121-4 --- Mission for day; OML ----- September 27, 1944
Armed reconnaissance in area of Buskirchen and s. of a line from Aachen to Cologne - also, dive bombing of a factory slightly s.w. of Cologne at F-338500.
- B. 368th Fighter Group - 397th Fighter Squadron
8 acft. dispatched
No abortives
- C. Up: 0704 --TOT: 0742 to 0900 -- down: 0946
- D. Nil
- E. Bomb load: 4X2500 lb. GP bombs
Fusing: inst. nose-1/40 tail
7 bombs in target area
1 bomb jettisoned unarmed in woods at F-0040
Our planes contacted "Sweepstakes" shortly after take-off and at intervals thereafter. They flew to Aachen, as briefed. Very unfavorable weather conditions made it impossible for them to conduct the assigned armed reconnaissance in the area of Aachen, Bockel (K-7875), Dusseldorf and Cologne. Instead, they conducted an armed reconnaissance in the area of Buskirchen and s. of the line from Aachen to Cologne. They bombed a factory at F-338500, slightly s.w. of Cologne. A railroad yard runs thru this factory. There was considerable destruction-railroad sheds were destroyed-smokestacks were smoking at the time of the arrival of our planes. After the bombing our pilots noticed red smoke and then black smoke and then steam issuing from these smokestacks. Although locomotives were seen near Cologne and near the target, there was no strafing as flak in the vicinity rendered it impossible.
- F. Heavy, moderate, accurate flak at Cologne
- G. Light, moderate, accurate flak slightly south of target
- H. The Germans are plowing up a field just south of a reservoir at F-1019. Slightly north of an airfield just n.e. of Buskirchen there is a long concrete strip (9000 ft. long) running e. and w. on which there is much activity. There are runways and taxi strips connecting this strip with the airfield mentioned above. This airfield is a sod field. Apparently, it has never been bombed. Locomotives were seen near Cologne and near the bombing target area. At 0810, our planes saw a P-47 go in at F-2022.
- I. Over assigned armed reconnaissance area: a solid overcast with no breaks-base; 3000 ft.-top; 5000 ft.-in general there is .95 cloud coverage over Germany (almost a solid overcast). The area in which our planes conducted their armed reconnaissance was clearer.
- J. Squadron code was not used

Hendricks	Bombs	Krause
Fernandez	"	Kelly
Olden	"	Foltz
Helliesen	"	Weinstein

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397th F Sq B-2 APT on an Armed Recon and D/Bomb Mission - 28 Sept 44 - Mission 243

- A -- Opns J No _____, Mission No Y21-4, Mission No for Day Op, 28 Sept 44.
Armed Recon in area of Frankfurt, Wiesbaden and Koblenz, and D/Bomb of
6 barges at M0069.
- B -- 397 F Sq - 368 F Sq -- 8 A/C Disp -- No aborts.
- C -- Up: 0912 -- TOT: 1000 to 1045 -- Down: 1150.
- D -- Nil
- E -- B/Load: 4 x 2 x 500-lb bombs -- Fuse: Inst nose, 1/40 tail -- 8 in tgt area.
4 A/C as escort.
Our planes flew almost to Frankfurt. They conducted an armed recon in the
area of Frankfurt, Wiesbaden and Koblenz. This area is all of the asgd armed
recon area. Eight bombs were dropped on 6 barges at ~~M0069~~. The results were
very good. Four barges were sunk. L9073.
No strafing.
- F -- The 397 F Sq encountered 5 F-190's betw Koblenz and Wiesbaden at 1017. These
E/A were flying at 18900 ft.
Navy, wk, acc flak at L9972.
- G -- The white smoke of phosphorous fires was seen at Bonn on both sides of the river.
It was thought that the purpose of these fires was the concealment of something
at Bonn.
- H -- The wea was very good. There were some cumulus clouds in the armed recon area,
but they were not bad nor too thick. The vis was very good.
- I -- Sq code not used.

Bombs: TERRELL, EVANS, HOLLACHER, FAULEY

Escort: CARLSON, KALEN, ROBAL, STOLL.

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397th FIGHTER SQUADRON S-2 REPORT ON AN ARMED RECONNAISSANCE AND DIVE BOMBING MISSION ***** SEPTEMBER 28, 1944
(Squadron Mission No. 244)

- A. C.O. No ---- Mission No. Y21-4 --- Mission for day: 170 --- September 28, '44
Armed reconnaissance in area of Siegen and Olpe, G-0870, and dive bombing of a railroad yard in Olpe
- B. 368th Fighter Group --- 397th F.S.
7 acft. dispatched
No abortives
- C. Up: 1440 - TOT: 1535 to 1615 - down: 1705
- D. Nil
- E. Bomb load: 4X2X500 lb. GP bombs
Fusing: inst. nose, 1/40 tail
8 bombs in target area
3 acft. used as escort
Our planes flew to G-2510, then they flew n. over Siegen to G-2375. They bombed a r.r. yd. in Olpe, G-0870. Eight bombs were dropped in the target area. Six oil cars blew up-2 bombs fell in the factory on the west side of the railroad yard, but the results were not observed. A few houses in the town of Olpe blew up. Each of the two other squadrons on the mission, the 395th and the 396th, dropped 8 bombs in the target area
- F. Nil
- G. Barges were seen on a river at Sinzig. These barges were just s.e. of Sinzig. A great deal of smoke was seen issuing from factories just west of Cologne. It is thought either that a great deal of activity is going on in these factories or that they have been destroyed
- H. 7/10 cloud coverage - cumulo-nimbus, alto-cumulus, and some stratus clouds- base: 5500 ft. - top: 14000 ft. - visibility: poor in spots and good in other spots. It was good particularly toward the east
- I. Squadron code was not used

Hendricks	Bombs	Kraus
Kelly	"	Weinstein
Olden	"	Poltz
Fernandez	"	

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597th FIGHTING SQUADRON B-2 REPORT ON A DIVE BOMBING MISSION AT AACHEN 29, 1944
(Squadron Mission No. 24)

- A. O.O. ----- Mission No. 121-2 ----- Mission for day: 29, Sept. 29, 1944
Dive bombing of a strong point at A-975247
- B. 568th Ftr. Sq. --- 597th Ftr. Sq.
8 acft dispatched - no aborts
- C. Up: 0717 -- TOT: 0810 to 0855 -- down: 0936
- D. Nil
- E. Bomb load: 8X2500 lb. G.P. bombs
Fuzing: inst. nose-1/40 tail
16 bombs in target area
No acft. used as escort
16 bombs were dropped on red smoke at A-975247. The smoke obscured the results of the bombing, but scout said that they were very good. Upon the request of scout our planes orbited in the area after the bombing during an advance of our ground troops in order to turn the attention of the Germans away from this advance. No strafing.
- F. Light, intense, inaccurate flak at F-0921
Light, weak, inaccurate flak at F-0724. This flak was firing toward the target area
Heavy, weak flak slightly s.e. of Aachen. The accuracy of this flak could not be determined for it did not seem to be firing at any visible target
- G. Nil
- H. Weather had no bearing on mission
- I. Squadron code was not used

All/ bombs

Gibson	Krause
Dustin	Weinstein
Foltz	Olden
Frisbie	Siagini

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397th Fighter Squadron 3-2 report of 4 Dive Bombers, 1st AF, 29 Sept. 1944
(Squadron Mission No. 245)

- A. O.C. No. --- Mission No. F-21-3 -- Mission for day: 1st AF -- September 29, '44
Dive bombing of two batteries of dug in guns at Kesternich, F-004246,
and of a gun installation just outside of Simmerath at A-986247. The
dive bombing was followed by an armed reconnaissance in which our planes
flew to a point just west of Bonn
- B. 368th Fighter Group --- 397th F.G.
3 acft. dispatched
No abortives
- C. Up: 1511 -- TD: our planes reached the target area at 1531, and they
bombed at 1400. They set course for home at 1440 - down: 1521
- D. Nil
- E. Bomb load: 8x2500lb. GP bombs
Fusing: inst. nose - 1/40 tail
16 bombs in target areas
8 bombs were dropped on 2 batteries of dug in guns at Kesternich, F-004246
This target, which was ⁱⁿ addition to the assigned target, was assigned
by seascout. Red smoke was dropped on the target. Seascout reported
that the results of the bombing were very good. Eight bombs dropped on
a gun installation just outside of Simmerath at A-986247. This target
was marked with red smoke. Seascout reported that the results of the
bombing were good. There were some good hits. The targets of the two
other squadrons, the 395th and the 396th, were not marked with smoke.
After the bombing, our planes flew on an armed reconnaissance to a point
just west of Bonn. They looked over bogies which turned out to be friendly
planes. They also looked over a long concrete strip (3000 ft. long, run-
ning east & west which is slightly north of an airfield just n.e. of Bus-
kirchen. There are runways and taxi strips connecting this strip with the
airfield mentioned above.
Major Hendricks strafed two AA gun positions at Kesternich, F-004246 (this
was part of the bombing target bombed by his flight). The guns stopped
firing after the strafing. He also strafed two AA guns at F-005218. These
guns stopped firing after the strafing. This was the bombing target assigned
to the 396th, which bombed after the strafing. This strafing marked the
target for the 396th
- F. Light, intense, accurate flak just s.e. of Simmerath, A-985241. In addition
there was the flak mentioned in section E
- G. Kesternich, F-004246, was burning. A number of fires were seen there. Red
panels were seen just west of railroad tracks which are just west of Simmerath
Red panels were seen in the area of A-985291
- H. Half way out to target area: solid overcast-stratus clouds-base: 2500 ft.-
altitude at top: unknown (our planes did not reach the top). Visibility good
Target area: 3/10 cloud coverage-stratus clouds-base: 4000 ft.-top: 4500 ft-
visibility: good
- I. Squadron code was not used
All bombs
Hendricks Carlson
Carbine Kalen
Rosvold D. M. Sharp
Fernandez Stoll

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

TROPIC ACCIDENTAL REPORT *** MAJOR RANDALL W. HENDRICKS, ASN G-441804

- A. Type of Action ...C..... Combat
B. Date of Action 4 September 1944
C. Squadron & Group 397th Fighter Squadron - 368th Fighter
D. Time of Attack 0855
E. Geographic Location of Attack A/D near Brussels (J-7058)
F. Weather, including Visibility 9/10 at 8,000 ft. - good visibility
G. Type of Enemy Aircraft One (1) JU-88 -- One (1) DO-217
H. Enemy Casualties One (1) DO-217 --- Destroyed on ground
I. Rounds of Ammunition expended for whole mission .. 640

J. I, Randall W. Hendricks, Major, Air Corps, ASN G-441804, was leading Tropic Squadron on an Armed Reconnaissance mission in the vicinity of Brussels and 2nd Lt. L.V. Sco, ASN 816407, was flying my wing.

On the route into the reconnaissance area, I noticed a new looking twin-engined plane parked on the ramp in front of a hangar on an Airfield E.N.E. of Brussels. At this time I was carrying a bomb so decided to look for a target for it. I found a train in the yards at Louvain, bombed it and strafed two locomotives which were also in the yards. I called Lt. Sco at this time and briefed him on the attack of the airdrome, for it appeared to be heavily defended by flak (and it was). I led Lt. Sco flying south about three miles east of the drome and upon the first burst of flak we hit the deck from 8000 feet in an easterly direction. After reaching the deck we made a 180 deg. and came back toward the airdrome when I found my check point (about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from the field). We bounced and turned 45 deg. right which put us directly over the hangar and in firing position on the DO-217. Ground personnel who appeared to be servicing the plane scattered in every direction. I fired a good burst that struck the plane in the right engine, right wing root and fuselage. Up to this time I had only seen the DO-217, but upon kicking my plane into a skid to evade 20 and 40 mm. flak, I saw Lt. Sco's API pounding a JU-88 in a near-by retirement. We left the field to the N.W. and, upon regaining altitude, flew within sight of the airdrome and the DO-217 was smoking badly. I claim a destroyed and think Lt. Sco's JU-88 is destroyed in view of the fact that the airdrome was probably captured by our troops who, at the time, were only about ten miles from it. I believe the planes were there to fly important personnel away from Brussels.

Randall W. Hendricks
RANDALL W. HENDRICKS
Major, Air Corps,
Flight Commander, 397th F.Sqdn.

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PILOT'S

Report of Pilot's Action on 4 September 1944

- a. Type of action --- Combat
- b. Date of action --- 4 September 1944
- c. Sq. and Group --- 597th Fighter Squadron - 350th Fighter Group
- d. Type of attack --- 50%
- e. Geographic location of attack --- N/A near Brussels (L-100)
- f. Weather, including visibility --- N/A at 6000 feet - good visibility
- g. Type of N/A --- one (1) JU 88
- h. Enemy casualties --- one (1) JU 88 destroyed on the ground
- i. Amount of ammunition expended for the single mission --- 400
- j.

I, Samuel A. See, 2nd Lt., Air Corps, AIC 3-21707, was flying tropic and two as wing man for Major Randall A. Hendricks, AIC 3-441004, Tropic Squadron leader, on an armed reconnaissance mission in the vicinity of Brussels. As we approached the reconnaissance area, we observed a twin-engine aircraft parked on the ramp before a hangar on an N/A N.E. of Brussels. Major Hendricks was carrying a bomb at the time. After he had located a target and bombed it, he called us and briefed us on the attack on the airfield, for it seemed to us that it was heavily defended by flak. We discovered that this was in fact the case. I followed Major Hendricks toward the south about three miles east of the airfield. Upon the first burst of flak, we dove to the deck toward the east from an altitude of 6000 feet. After we had reached the deck, we made a 100 degree turn and came back toward the airfield. At this point Major Hendricks found his check point (about 1/2 mile from the field). We bounced and turned 40 degrees right. We were now directly over the hangar and in a position from which enemy aircraft observers could be strafed. This plane turned out to be a JU-217. As Major Hendricks attacked it, I noticed a JU 88 in the vicinity. I fired on the JU 88 and saw strikes all over the plane, particularly on the fuselage and wings. We encountered light arms fire during our attack. We left the field in a north easterly direction, and after we had regained altitude, we flew within sight of the airdrome. Major Hendricks had destroyed the JU 217, for it was smoking profusely. I claim a destroyed JU 88. At the time of our attack American troops were only about ten miles from the airdrome. They later captured the field, and the JU 88 could not possibly have been flown away in time to evade capture. It is my belief that the planes were there to transport important personnel from Brussels.

Samuel A. See
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Pilot, 597th Ftr. Sqdn.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

STATEMENT OF MAJOR RANDALL W. HENDRICKS, ASN O-441804, SUPPORTING CLAIM OF
2ND LT. MANUEL K. SOO, ASN O-815407

- A. Type of Action Combat
B. Date of Action 4 September 1944
C. Sq. & Group 368th Fighter ~~Squadron~~ ^{Group} - 397th Fighter Squadron
D. Time of Attack 0855
E. Geographic location of Attack A/D near Brussels (J-702)
F. Weather, including visibility 9/10 at 8,000 feet - good visibility
G. Type of enemy aircraft One (1) JU-88
H. Enemy Casualties Confirming Lt Soo's claim of one (1) JU-88, des-
troyed on the ground
I. Rounds of ammunition expended for the whole mission 400
J.

I, Randall W. Hendricks, Major, Air Corps, ASN O-441804, was leading Tropic Squadron on an Armed Reconnaissance mission in the vicinity of Brussels, and 2nd Lt. Manuel K. Soo, ASN O-815407, was flying my wing.

On the route into the reconnaissance area, I noticed a new ~~type~~ looking twin-engined plane parked on the ramp in front of a hangar on an airfield S.E. of Brussels. At this time, I was carrying a bomb so decided to look for a target for it. After I had bombed the target and strafed two locomotives, I called Lt. Soo and briefed him on the attack on the airdrome, for it appeared to be heavily defended by flak (and it was). I led Lt. Soo flying south about three miles east of the drome and upon the first burst of flak we hit the deck from 6000 feet in an easterly direction. After reaching the deck we made a 180 degree turn and came back toward the airdrome, where I found my check point (about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from the field). We bounced and turned forty-five degrees right. We were now directly over the hangar and in a position from which the E/A observed before could be attacked. This plane turned out to be a DO-217. I strafed and destroyed it. Up to this time I had seen only the DO-217, but upon kicking my plane into a skid to evade 20 and 40 mm. flak, I saw Lt. Soo's AFI pounding a JU 88 in the vicinity. I think that the JU 88 attacked by Lt. Soo is destroyed in view of the fact that the airdrome was captured by our troops who, at the time, were only about ten miles from it. I believe the planes were there to fly important personnel away from Brussels.

Randall W. Hendricks
RANDALL W. HENDRICKS
Major, Air Corps,
Pilot, 397th Fighter Sqdn.

C O N F I D E N T I A L

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PILOT'S ENCOUNTER REPORT * CAPTAIN CARLOS M. TALBOTT, ASN O-25797 ***

- A. Combat
- B. 11 September 1944
- C. 397th Fighter Squadron -- 368th Fighter Group
- D. 1510
- E. Vicinity of Limbourg, Belgium
- F. 5/10 clouds ---- good visibility
- G. ME-109
- H. Two (2) ME-109 destroyed
- I. Used nearly all of ammunition - plane destroyed
- J.

I, Carlos M. Talbott, Captain, Air Corps, ASN O-25797, was leading Tropic Squadron on a Ground Support mission in the vicinity of Limbourg, Belgium. I was orbiting to the left at 5000 feet, when I observed 20-25 ME-109's slightly to our east at, approximately, 10,000 feet. I applied full military power and started to climb with my wingman. At 9,000 feet the 109's broke down into our formation, firing and damaging my wingman, continuing on down into the two lower flights. I looked above and saw 20-25 ME-109's at 15,000 feet in a lufbury to the left. I continued to climb alone and when I reached 17,000 feet the enemy broke into two counter-rotating lufburys. I decided upon the one to the left and turned approximately four turns with them without ~~g~~ being able to get enough lead to fire. Then the left lufbury broke up and I switched to the one on the right coming in behind five E/A and began to fire at approximately 150 yards. I saw strikes on the wing and fuselage and the ME-109's split & bursting into flames as he did so. We were now at approximately 8000 feet. I drew a lead on the rear plane of the remaining four and fired a three second burst observing strikes on the fuselage and wing roots. He pulled up, fell off on one wing and headed straight down smoking quite badly. Plane was observed to crash by several members of a column of 3rd. Armored Division slightly south of Verviers, Belgium. At this point an ME-109 in the lufbury on the left turn fired a long deflection shot knocking off part of my left wing and aileron. I continued to turn to the right for two turns, but was unable to keep the plane under control and went into an unintentional spin. I recovered to find two ME-109's behind me and saw several holes in both wings. Part of the instrument panel was then shot away. I opened the canopy and the next time I remembered was pulling the rip-cord ~~and~~ ~~my~~ ~~chute~~, my chute, apparently, having been thrown clear of the plane. Upon landing, I was picked up and taken to the 3rd. Division Headquarters. There, several soldiers and officers who had witnessed the encounter reported that the second plane at which I fired was seen to crash south of Verviers.

I claim two (2) ME-109's destroyed.

Carlos M. Talbott
CARLOS M. TALBOTT
Captain, Air Corps,
397th Fighter Squadron

C O N F I D E N T I A L

PILOT'S ENCOUNTER REPORT: -- Captain William R. Gibson, 0665551.

- A. Combat engagement.
- B. 11 Sept 1944.
- C. 397th Fitr Sq 368th Fitr Gp.
- D. 1515.
- E. Eupen, Belgium.
- F. 4-5/10. Vis.-Good.
- G. ME-109.
- H. ME-109 destroyed.
- I. 1800.
- J. Pilot's statement: On 11 Sept 1944, I, Captain William R. Gibson, 0665551, was leading yellow flight of Tropic Squadron on armored column support. I was regaining altitude after strafing enemy MT when our top cover was jumped by 36 ME-109's. The time was approximately 1515. I called flight and told them to start getting altitude. As we were climbing I looked up and saw our top cover fighting with some of them up approximately 10,000 ft. Then I saw what appeared to be about 20 of them making a big circle at approximately 18,000 ft, just above our top cover. I had climbed to about eight thousand feet when I saw two ME-109's on a P47's tail heading downward, so I maneuvered into position on the closest 109's tail. I was about 1500 yds away when they opened fire on the P47. I saw them hit it and the P47 rolled over and headed for the ground. The altitude at this time was about 2000 ft. By then I had closed on the second 109 and started firing at about 300 yds and fired until I was about 90 yds or less behind him. I could see my API hitting him in the left wing and engine. He started trailing smoke and headed toward the ground. I pulled up and dipped my wing to the left and saw the pilot bail out and the plane crash near Eupen, Belgium.

William R. Gibson
WILLIAM R. GIBSON,
Captain, Air Corps,
Flight Leader, 397th Fitr Sq.

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WITNESS ***** PILOT'S ENCOUNTER REPORT COVERING CLAIM OF CAPTAIN WILLIAM
R. GIBSON, ASN O-665551 ----- GIVEN BY 2ND LT. EDGAR A. BAKER, O-763829

- A. Combat
- B. 11 September 1944
- C. 397th Fighter Squadron -- 368th Fighter Group
- D. 1515
- E. Eupen, Belgium
- F. 4-5/10 --- visibility: good
- G. ME-109
- H. One (1) ME-109 destroyed -- confirming claim of Captain William R. Gibson
O-665551

I. 1800 rounds

J. I, 2nd Lt. Edgar A. Baker, O-763829, was flying Captain Gibson's wing on September 11, 1944 - at which time we were jumped by 36 ME-109's. Two ME-109's came down across our nose. Captain Gibson and I started after them and were closing rapidly. Captain Gibson maneuvered in position on the plane nearest him - well within range - and opened fire. At the same instant an ME-109 opened fire on me and I broke away - heading for home as I was on fire. The last I saw of Captain Gibson, he was firing and getting strikes on the ME-109.

Edgar A. Baker
EDGAR A. BAKER
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Pilot, 397th Fighter Sqdn.

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THIS IS UNCLASSIFIED BY: -- End Lt. James F. Hogan, Jr., 0767237.

- A. Combat.
- B. 11 Sept 1944.
- C. 397th Fitr Sq 366th Fitr Sp.
- D. 1505.
- E. K-7926-Near Expen, Belgium.
- F. 9/10 Clouds at 3000 ft. 8 mile visibility.
- G. ME-109.
- H. ME-109. Pilot.
- I. 920.
- J. Pilot's statement: I, Lt. James F. Hogan, Jr., 0767237, was flying Red 2 with Troop Flight, orbiting at 5000 ft over enemy columns with Red Leader. About 30 ME-109s were called in at 12 to 15000 ft and Red leader and I climbed at full power. At 5000 ft we ran into 6 to 8 109's. Turning right into the nearest two I was attacked by an ME-109 who scored hits on my left wing and tail. I was thrown out of control, losing Red Leader and the 109. I regained control at about 6000 ft and took some high deflection shots at several 109's. I then saw 2 Thunderbolts chasing a 109 and I joined the attack shooting whenever he turned. About 5 minutes of chasing was done and finally the 109 half-rolled while headed west and split-s'd at 3500 ft intending to hit the deck and go home. I followed as the other ship broke off and shot a 4 second burst at 1200 ft in an 80 degree dive. I observed hits and pieces flew back. I pulled off heading east and the ME-109 crashed and burned, the pilot failing to bail out. I then turned west and caught Red 3 and 4 and we flew home together.

The ME-109 used flaps in his turns. Whenever I turned into an enemy aircraft it would brake. The enemy flew in pairs.

James F. Hogan Jr.
JAMES F. HOGAN, Jr.
2nd Lt, Air Corps,
Pilot, 397th Fitr Sq.

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SUPPORTING STATEMENT FROM WITNESS * NAME: ORIGIN OF 2ND LT. JAMES P. HOGAN, JR.,
ASN 0767227

- A. Combat
- B. 11 September 1944
- C. 377th Fighter Squadron --- 368th Fighter Group
- D. 1905
- E. Near Dupon, Belgium (X-7928)
- F. 5/10 clouds at 6000 ft. -- 8 mile visibility
- G. E-109
- H. One (1) E-109 destroyed --- confirming claim of 2nd Lt. James P. Hogan
- I. No rounds expended on E/A 70 rounds
- J.

I, Vernon J. Cain, 2nd Lt., AG, ASN 76717, was flying no. 4 position in Red Flight on a BS Escort mission in the area of Dupon, Belgium, and was on a strafing pass when called to gain altitude as there were about 36 E/A above us; as we were climbing up, my element leader spotted a E-109 off to the side about 7,000 feet. We chased him and the E/A hit for a small cloud. At this time Lt. Hogan joined us and had closed to firing distance on the E/A. Lt. Hogan fired short bursts when the E/A turned and then the E/A did a perfect half roll at 3500 feet and headed straight down. Lt. Hogan followed, fired a long burst and scored many hits. I saw a small explosion and the E/A failed to recover from the split as I saw it strike the ground. The pilot did not bail out.

Vernon J. Cain
2nd Lt., Air Corps
3102, 377th Ftr. Sqdn.

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PILOT'S ENCOUNTER REPORT ***** 2ND LT. FREDERICK C. STOLL, JR. - O-815417

- A. Combat
- B. September 11, 1944
- C. 397th Fighter Squadron ----- 366th Fighter Group
- D. 1520
- E. Near Eupen, Belgium
- F. Good - light haze
- G. ME 109's
- H. One (1) ME 109 destroyed
- I. 2120 rounds
- J.

I, Frederick C. Stoll, Jr. 2nd Lt., Air Corps, AAF O-815417, #2/3// was flying yellow four in Tropic Squadron. About 1516, Yellow three and I were down strafing German vehicles when Blue Flight called in thirty plus ME 109's at 12 to 15000 feet. Yellow three and I immediately started to climb up and had reached 11,000 feet when two ME 109's chasing a P-47 dove off to our left. I called Yellow three to break left and chase them. I caught up to the ME 109's and the tail end one broke left and the forward one broke broke right. I fired a short burst from approximately 300 yards at the one to the left but, could not get enough lead, so turned sharply and got inside him. Upon firing again from 150-200 yards, I observed strikes on his canopy and fuselage and continued firing until all my ammunition was gone. At this time the engine of the ME 109 caught fire and he was smoking profusely. The ME 109 then straightened out and appeared to be out of control - the wings wagging quite a bit. I flew behind him for about ten seconds taking pictures when he rolled over on his back and split ~~off~~ S'd from about 5,000 feet. I saw the ME 109 heading straight for the ground with a trail of smoke and fire coming from his engine. After pulling up, I observed a violent explosion on the ground at the spot where I had seen my enemy head in.

I claim this ME 109 destroyed.

Frederick C. Stoll Jr.
FREDERICK C. STOLL, JR.
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Pilot, 397th Fighter Sqdn.

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SEPARATE STATEMENT OF 2ND LT. FREDERICK O. STOLL, JR., ASN O-517417 --
BROOKLYN, N.Y.

- A. Combat
- B. 11 September 1944
- C. 397th Fighter Squadron --- 368th Fighter Group
- D. 1929
- E. Near Eupen, Belgium
- F. Good --- light haze
- G. ME 109's
- H. One (1) ME 109 destroyed --- maintaining claim on 2nd Lt. Frederick O. Stoll, Jr.
- I. 2120 rounds
- J.

I, William A. Preston 2nd Lt., Air Corps, ASN O-699202, was flying Yellow Three in Tropic Squadron. About 1929 while Yellow Four and I were down strafing German vehicles, Blue flight called in B/A above 10,000 feet. Yellow four and I started climbing and upon reaching 11,000 feet, saw two ME 109's chasing one P-47. Yellow four called and told me to break left - which I did. At that time he split 9. As he split 9 the second 109 turned to the left which put Lt. Stoll almost on his tail. The 109 continued in this left turn permitting Lt. Stoll to close. As soon as Lt. Stoll fired, I saw strikes on the ME 109 canopy and along the fuselage. Smoke started trailing and the plane was wobbling. After he wobbled for a few seconds he fell off on his right wing at about 9000 feet. He then went straight down and exploded when hitting the ground.

William A. Preston
William A. Preston
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
pilot, 397th Ftr. Sq.

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CONFIDENTIAL STATEMENT OF MAJ. GEN. MILTON S. BENDER, G-76468

- A. Combat
- B. 11 September 1944
- C. 397th Fighter Squadron --- 25th Fighter Group
- D. 1925
- E. Near Mops, Belgium
- F. 5/10 --- visibility: good
- G. P-47
- H. One (1) P-47 destroyed - confirmed; claim on Maj. Milton S. Bender, / G-76468
- I. 1700 rounds
- J.

I, Harry E. Mops, 1st Lt., Air Corps, nos. 3-171224, was flying in Tropic Blue flight. We were flying top cover at 10,000 feet, when we sighted 36 plus P-47's at 15,000 feet. We were jumped at 10,000 feet. No. 4 became separated from us and after turning, with several, spotted another P-47 in trouble. I took several shots at the P-47, which was circling with the P-47 - later identified by myself as Tropic Blue 2 flown by Maj. Milton S. Bender, nos. 3-171224, when he broke away. One P-47 was in position for a kill, just as it broke into two and coming at us, I saw the first P-47 trail smoke and the parachute come out of the plane.

Harry E. Mops
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Squadron Leader, 397th Ftr. Sq.

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PILOT'S ENCOUNTER REPORT ** 1st Lt. Henry B. Hamilton, O-509617

- A. Combat
- B. September 11, 1944
- C. 397th Fighter Squadron -- 368th Fighter Group
- D. 1515
- E. Eupen, Belgium
- F. 4-3/10 ---visibility: good
- G. ~~109~~ 109
- H. One (1) ME 109 destroyed -- pilot killed
- I. 2120 pounds
- J.

I, Henry B. Hamilton, 1st Lt., AC, ASN O-509617, was flying Tropic Red Three on a tank support mission at Eupen, Belgium. My flight leader dive bombed a couple of tanks upon arrival at Eupen. I lost him, but did not think too much of it at the time. Then Tropic Blue leader, flying top cover at 10,000 feet, called in 20 E/A directly overhead at 12,000 feet. I immediately climbed to 10,000 feet with my wingman. We circled for five minutes. The E/A had made one pass at Blue Flight, and then disappeared. Red leader called in to resume strafing. I took my wingman down on the road north of Eupen and found a large ~~of~~ convoy of Germans, being chased by our tanks. I used up most of my ammo. Then Tropic Blue Three called all planes up - he was in a luffberry with eight ME 109's. I hooked on to a flight of four and climbed to 10,000 feet, over Eupen. I spotted a lone ME-109 flying southeast, on our level, so I took after him. I used water injection and full A.P.K. As I closed on him, he went into a sharp left turn. It was a light brown ME 109 with black and gray crosses on it. He went into a tight climbing turn to the left, then he ~~dropped his flaps and fell off very steeply.~~ I finally got a good 30 deg. shot at him, and scored several hits on him from 75 to 100 yards - pieces flying off before my ammo gave out. I called for my wingman to get up on him, but saw that he would never make it. I then rode this German's tail, hoping for somebody to get up here. The German did a series of lazy 8's turning and diving very steeply. I fell a little behind on the top of the climb, but quickly got back on his tail. At 5000 feet the German dived, twisting and turning all the time. At 2000 feet, he leveled out, and then did a violent split S. I started to follow, but glanced at my airspeed and saw I was indicating 350 m.p.h. I went into a shallow dive and in a left turn. I saw the ME 109 going straight down. He tried to pull out and pieces flew by his plane. He hit the ground and exploded. I rounded up my wingman, and Red 2, who had hooked on to Red 4, and went home.

Henry B. Hamilton
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Pilot, 397th Fighter Sqdn.

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COMBAT STATEMENT OF 1st Lt. Vernon C. Kern, 377th Fighter Squadron, 35th Fighter Group, 1st AF, 12th Air Force, 1944

- a. Combat
- b. September 11, 1944
- c. 377th Fighter Squadron --- 35th Fighter Group
- d. 1, 1, 1
- e. Dupen, Belgium
- f. 4-5/13 -- visibility: good
- g. 1 B-17
- h. One (1) B-17 destroyed - confirming 1st Lt. Vernon C. Kern's claim of 377-50517, claim.
- i. ~~One B-17 destroyed~~ 2, 1, 0 rounds
- j.

1. 2nd Lt. Vernon C. Kern, Air Corps, 377th Fighter Squadron, 35th Fighter Group, 1st AF, 12th Air Force, was flying No. 1 position in Red Flight in the area of Dupen, Belgium. My element leader, Lt. Hamilton, and I were chasing a B-17. As Lt. Hamilton was firing I observed strakes and the B-17 seemed to start to disintegrate. The plane was doing violent lazy eights, attempted to make an escape and split 3/4 at 2000 feet going about 300 m.p.h. I saw the explosion as this B-17 hit the ground.

Vernon C. Kern
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Pilot, 377th Ftr. sqdn.

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REPORT OF THE INVESTIGATION OF THE AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT AT ... 7/2/44

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The aircraft was flying at a low altitude ... 1944. The pilot was flying at a low altitude ... made a 90 deg. turn ... spotted it ... from this position ... flying off ... who was flying as ... he ... when I observed ... as I had pulled up ... I observed ... into a valley ...

A check of the ... 1st Lt. ... and ...

Ray E. Carlson
1st Lt., Air Corps
Pilot, 1st Lt. Sq.

R E P O R T

REPORT OF A BATTLE ***** 2ND Lt. Kenneth E. Nolen, ASN: G-770502

A. Type of action Combat
 B. Date September 20, 1944 Sp.
 C. Unit 377th Bombardment Squadron- 388th Ftr.,
 D. Time of Attack 1740 hours
 E. Place of Attack Area of I-5000
 F. Weather 6/10 cloud coverage - haze and alto
 cumulus clouds - base: 4500 ft -
 top: 6000 ft - visibility: 3/4 to
 1 mile
 G. Type of target L/A One (1) in 410
 H. Claims One (1) L/A destroyed (destruction
 of L/A shared with 1st Lt Roy D.
 Carlson, ASN 3-07005, and 1st Lt William
 A. Weston, ASN 3-55202,

I. Account of Combat:

I, 2nd Lt Kenneth E. Nolen, ASN: G-770502, was flying number two position in yellow flight, Troop Squadron, on a mission on the afternoon of September 20, 1944. Shortly before 1700, 1st Lt William A. Stoll, ASN 3-010417, was was flying yellow four, reporting a target. My flight leader, 1st Lt Roy D. Carlson, ASN 3-07005, recognized this plane as an L/A 410 and attacked it. I noticed strikes on the right engine and wing. When Lt Carlson's ammunition had been expended, I began to fire. I followed the L/A down to the deck and noticed strikes on the left engine, which was smoking. When I was out of ammunition, I pulled off the target and saw 1st Lt William A. Weston, ASN 3-55202, leader of the second element, firing at the L/A. The L/A disintegrated and fell into a river below.

A claim participation of my L/A 410. 1st Lt Carlson and Weston share in the destruction of this L/A.

Kenneth E. Nolen
 Kenneth E. Nolen
 2nd Lt., Air Corps,
 Pilot, 377th Ftr. Sq.

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PILOT'S COMBAT REPORT ***** AREA OF OPERATION: AREA OF INTEREST ** AREA U-678850

A. Type of Action	: Combat
B. Date	: 23 September 1944
C. Unit	: 597th Fighter Squadron-368th Fighter Group
D. Time of Attack	: 1740 Hours
E. Place of Attack	: Area of U-6000
F. Weather	: 5/10 cloud coverage - base and alto cumulus clouds - base: 4500 ft - top: 6000 ft visibility: 3/4 to 1 mile
G. Type of Target	: B/A - One (1) B-410
H. Claims	: One (1) B-410 destroyed (destruction of B/A shared with 2nd Lt William A. Preston, ASN O-696202 and 2nd Lt Kenneth E. Kalen, ASN O-770302

I. Account of Combat:

I, First Lieutenant Roy D. Carlson, ASN O-678850, was leading Tropic Yellow flight on an armed reconnaissance mission on the afternoon of 23 September 1944. Shortly before 1740, while we were flying at about 6000 ft. in the area of U-6000, 2nd lieutenant Frederick G. Stoll, ASN O-615417, who was flying Tropic Yellow Four, reported a bogey at 4 o'clock low. I made a 90 degree turn to the right; and as the bogey passed under me, I turned left and spotted it at 10 o'clock low. It was flying on a steady southeasterly course at an altitude of about 4000 feet. I immediately recognized it as an B-410, and I attacked from this position. I was out of range when I began to fire. I was firing at about a 20 degree deflection. I closed dead astern to about 250 yards; as I did so, I noticed many strikes on the right engine, and I saw debris flying off the right engine; which had begun to smoke. While I was in the dead astern position, I noticed tracers coming from the rear of the B/A. This fire was light and very inaccurate. I stayed on his tail until he lowered his flaps, and I then made a steep turn to the left and gave him another burst. As my ammunition was now expended, I pulled up and to the right, called my element leader, 2nd Lieutenant William A. Preston, ASN O-696202, and ordered him to attack. My wingman, 2nd Lieutenant Kenneth E. Kalen, ASN O-770302, had followed me down; and as I pulled off, he began to fire. I observed many strikes on the left engine, which began to smoke. By this time, the B-410 had started for the deck. Lt. Preston followed it and pressed his attack. I observed many strikes on the B/A when it had reached the deck, it made a shallow bank to the right into a valley. Lieutenant Preston was now well within range. The B-410 then seemed to disintegrate and fall into a river below.

I claim participation in the destruction of this B-410. Lieutenants Preston and Kalen share in the destruction.

Roy D. Carlson
ASN O-678850
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Pilot, 597th Ftr. Sq.

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PILOT'S COMBAT REPORT ***** SECOND LIEUTENANT WILLIAM A. FRESTON ** ASN O-695202

A Type of Action : Combat
 B Date : 20 September 1944
 C Unit : 397th Fighter Squadron - 368th Fighter Group
 D Time of Attack : 1740 hours
 E Place of Attack : Area of L-6050
 F Weather : 6/10 cloud coverage - haze and alto cumulus clouds - base: 4500 ft. - top: 6000 ft. - visibility: 3/4 to 1 mile
 G Type of Target : E/A - One (1) ME-410
 H Claims : One (1) ME-410 destroyed (destruction of E/A shared with 1st Lt Roy D. Carlson, ASN 678830 and 2nd Lt Kenneth E. Kalen, ASN O-770502)
 I Account of Combat :

I, 2nd Lt William A. Freston, ASN O-695202, was flying Tropic Yellow Three on an armed reconnaissance mission on the afternoon of September 20, 1944. Shortly before 1740, while we were flying at about 6000 feet in the area of L-6050, 2nd Lt Frederick C. Stoll, ASN O-615417, who was flying Tropic Yellow Four, reported a bogey at 4 o'clock low. My flight leader, 1st Lt Roy D. Carlson, ASN O-678830, made a sharp right turn to look the airplane over. By this time, the ME 410 had passed underneath us, and Lt Carlson made a sharp left turn. He recognized the airplane as an ME 410 and began to attack. He was out of range when he began his attack. He was firing at about a 20 degree deflection. As he closed, I saw strikes on the right side of the fuselage, and the right engine began to smoke. Then tracers began to issue from Lt Carlson's guns and the ME 410 made a sharp left turn. Lt Carlson then called me and ordered me to attack. 2nd Lt Kenneth E. Kalen, ASN O-770502, who was flying as Lt Carlson's wingman, had followed the latter. Lt Kalen began to fire while I was getting into position. At the first bursts from Lt Kalen's guns, the ME 410 turned again, this time to the right. Lt Kalen continued to fire, and I saw strikes on the left wing and engine. As I was observing the strikes, I saw tracers coming out of Lt Kalen's guns. Meanwhile, I had been rapidly closing in on the E/A; and by the time Lt Kalen's ammunition was exhausted, I was right on its tail. I began to fire at about 400 yards, and I closed in to about 200 yards. As I did so, I observed strikes all over the E/A, and it started on a gentle turn to the right. When I was about 200 yards away from the ME 410, it disintegrated in mid-air, and pieces fell into a river below.

I claim participation in the destruction of this ME 410. Lts Carlson and Kalen share in the destruction.

William A. Freston
 WILLIAM A. FRESTON
 2nd Lt., Air Corps,
 Pilot, 397th Fitr. Sq.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

PILOT'S COMBAT REPORT - SECOND LIEUTENANT KENNETH E. KALEN, ASN O-770302:

A -- Type of Action: Combat.
 B -- Date : 20 September 1944.
 C -- Unit : 397th Fighter Squadron - 568th Fighter Group.
 D -- Time of Attack: 1740 hours.
 E -- Place of Attack: Area of L-6050.
 F -- Weather : 6/10 cloud coverage, haze and alto cumulus clouds, base at 4,500 ft, top at 5,000 ft, 3/4 to 1 mi visib.
 G -- Type of Target: E/A - One (1) ME-410.
 H -- Claims : One (1) ME-410 destroyed.
 Destruction of E/A shared with:
 1/Lt ROY D. CARLSON, O-678850,
 2/Lt WILLIAM A. FRESTON, O-695202.

I -- Account of Combat:

I, Second Lieutenant KENNETH E. KALEN, was flying Tropic Yellow Two on an armed reconnaissance mission on the afternoon of 20 September 1944. Shortly before 1740, while we were flying at about 6,000 feet in the area of L-6050, Second Lieutenant FREDERICK C. STOLL, O-615417, who was flying Tropic Yellow Four, reported a bogey at four o'clock low. My flight leader, First Lieutenant ROY D. CARLSON, recognized the bogey as an ME-410. The E/A was flying in a southeasterly direction at an altitude of about 4,000 feet. Lieutenant CARLSON made his initial pass from four o'clock high. The E/A entered a shallow dive and took other evasive action. Meanwhile, Lieutenant CARLSON was closing and subjecting the ME-410 to constant fire. I noticed hits on the right wing and engine, and I saw pieces flying off the right engine. The E/A made a turn to the left, and I saw tracers from Lieutenant CARLSON's guns. When Lieutenant CARLSON's ammunition had been expended, I took up the attack. I began to fire from about 500 yards dead astern. I noticed strikes on the left wing and left engine, which began to smoke. I closed in to about 200 yards, and then the E/A made a right turn. I fired in the turn at close range and saw my tracers. When I was out of ammunition, I pulled off the target to the left, and Second Lieutenant WILLIAM A. FRESTON, leader of the second element, followed up the attack. As he closed in to about 200 yards, I observed strikes on several parts of the E/A. The ME-410 disintegrated in mid-air and fell into a river below.

I claim participation in the destruction of an ME-410. Lieutenants CARLSON and FRESTON share in the destruction of the E/A.

Kenneth E. Kalen
 KENNETH E. KALEN,
 2nd Lt, Air Corps,
 Pilot, 397th F Sq.

C O N F I D E N T I A L

R E S T R I C T E D

HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 595, U. S. Army
31 August 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 102)

1. Having been asgd this orgn per par 38, SO 236, Hq Ninth Air Force, dtd 23 Aug 1944, Capt (9301) LEO H. BASS, 0913617, AC, is further asgd Hq 368th Ftr Group.
2. Having been asgd this orgn per par 6, SO 123, Hq IX TAC, dtd 24 Aug 1944, the following named officers are further asgd to Sq as indicated:

1st Lt (1055) WILLIAM M. KERR	0662136 AC	397th Fighter Squadron
1st Lt (1055) JERRY B. TULLIS	0663663 AC	396th Fighter Squadron
3. Having been asgd this orgn per par 3, SO 240, Hq AAF Sta 142, dtd 30 Aug 1944, 2d Lt (1055) JAMES E. STOUTER, 0712052, AC, is further asgd 395th Ftr Sq.
4. Having been asgd this orgn per par 5 SO 128, Hq IX TAC, dtd 30 Aug 1944, the following named officers are further asgd to Sq as indicated:

Major (1055) FERNANDO J. FERNANDEZ	0416291 AC	397th Fighter Squadron
Capt (1055) HARRIS F. KRAUSE	0732275 AC	397th Fighter Squadron
Capt (1055) DENNIS CRISP	0427531 AC	396th Fighter Squadron
5. Having been asgd this orgn per par 2, SO 229, Hq AAF Sta 142, dtd 18 Aug 1944, the following named officers (1055) are further asgd to Sq as indicated:

2d Lt GRADON E. MONGAR	0770363 AC	395th Fighter Squadron
2d Lt KENNETH D. PLEPER	0770380 AC	395th Fighter Squadron
2d Lt NEELY C. RIEMANN	0710008 AC	395th Fighter Squadron
2d Lt GEORGE A. MYERS	0770108 AC	396th Fighter Squadron
2d Lt TALBERT S. NEWHART	0770373 AC	396th Fighter Squadron
2d Lt ROBERT M. PACE	0770112 AC	396th Fighter Squadron
2d Lt DONALD N. EVANS	0711973 AC	397th Fighter Squadron
2d Lt KENNETH E. KALEN	0770302 AC	397th Fighter Squadron
2d Lt GERALD B. KELLY	0770305 AC	397th Fighter Squadron
2d Lt CHARLES B. PATRICK	0770383 AC	397th Fighter Squadron
2d Lt ROBERT D. SHARP	0770438 AC	397th Fighter Squadron

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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

AFO 595, U. S. Army
1 September 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 103)

1. Lt Col JOHN D. W. HESLER, 0432193, AC, is aptd Gp Operations Officer, princ duty, vice Capt MEREDITH W. HENRY, 0796688, AC, reld.
2. Capt MEREDITH W. HENRY, 0796688, AC, is aptd Assistant Gp Operations Officer, princ duty.
3. Major RANDALL W. HENDRICKS, 0441804, AC, is designated as Commanding Officer of the 397th Fighter Squadron, vice Lt Col JOHN D. W. HESLER, 0432193, AC, trfd.
4. Under the provisions of AR 615-5, 30 June 1943, and upon the recommendation of their Orgn Comdr, the following named EM, 396th Ftr Sq, are reduced to the gr of Pvt for inefficiency:

S/Sgt (750) James B. Winfree	34117764
S/Sgt (747) Louis Zrinski	32467214
5. Under the provisions of AR 615-5, 30 June 1943 and upon the recommendation of their Orgn Comdr, the following named EM, 395th Fitr Sq, are promoted to grades as indicated:

TO BE TECHNICAL SERGEANT (TEMP)

S/Sgt (911) Edward F. Thompson	33312577
S/Sgt (750) Richard B. Nartker	15117896

TO BE STAFF SERGEANT (TEMP)

Sgt (759) Keith O. Crane	39835730
Sgt (941) Andrew Vanta	15019222
Sgt (750) Clifford F. Dolan	32434647
Sgt (747) Joseph L. DiFierno	12042818
Sgt (750) William F. Fisk	32316417
Sgt (685) Marchese Philip	33414990

TO BE SERGEANT (TEMP)

Cpl (014) David M. Palma	39297507
Cpl (941) Vincent J. Mastromatteo	15374303
Cpl (747) Theodore D. Ruggiero	32781699

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SO #103, Hq 368th Fitr Gp, dtd 1 Sept 44, par 5 cont'd.

TO BE CORPORAL (TEMP)

Pfc (345) Chester E. Urie	36199366
Pfc (911) Wilfred V. Milnoe	32728874
Pvt (750) Vito J. Bafile	13047083
Pfc (747) Robert E. Olson	16018123
Pfc (747) Floyd T. Nelson	39835675
Pfc (750) George F. O'Hara	12141960
Pfc (747) Wilbur L. Faith	15078487
Pfc (405) Marvin V. Hilam	16018013

TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (TEMP)

Pvt (650) Nathan Dubin	33318553
Pvt (911) John Celeste	32775904
Pvt (911) Albert M. Davis	19033102
Pvt (911) Harold D. Farley	38365977
Pvt (932) Thomas F. Lynch	37529021

6. Under the provisions of AR 615-5, 30 June 1943, and upon the recommendation of their Orgn Comdr, the following named E2, 396th Fitr Sq, are promoted to grades as indicated:

TO BE TECHNICAL SERGEANT (TEMP)

S/Sgt (511) Howard J. Engelman 35634905

TO BE STAFF SERGEANT (TEMP)

Sgt (821) Alvin R. Endicott	35720453
Sgt (505) Ted Goldman	36445508

TO BE SERGEANT (TEMP)

Pvt (750) James B. Winfree 34117764

TO BE CORPORAL (TEMP)

Pfc (911) Charles F. Banks	12172539
Pvt (747) Louis Zrinski	32467214

TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (TEMP)

Pvt (911) Howard D. Carter	39414054
Pvt (050) James A. Cobb	34657120
Pvt (911) Elmer Evans	13116725
Pvt (345) George H. Harris	36451663

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SO #103, Hq 368th Fitr Gp, dtd 1 Sept 44, Cont'd.

7. Under the provisions of AR 615-5, 30 June 1943, and upon the recommendation of their Orgn Comdr, the following named EM, 397th Fitr Sq, are promoted to grades as indicated:

TO BE TECHNICAL SERGEANT (TECH)

S/Sgt (862) Martin M. Klein 32506469

TO BE STAFF SERGEANT (TECH)

Sgt (911) Harold L. Haun 31129015
Sgt (941) William J. Merlone 31105696
Sgt (911) Michael W. Rocewich 35028447

TO BE SERGEANT (TECH)

Cpl (911) Jess E. Aloguin 12087221
Cpl (060) Jean H. Busch 32363362
Cpl (747) Nicholas Cordista 12181533
Cpl (911) Charles A. Estephan 11116320
Cpl (911) Joseph C. Baker 32743059
Cpl (747) William B. Murray 32349000

TO BE ORG C.P.L. (TECH)

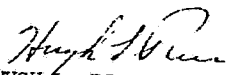
Ifc (809) Earl E. Barber 35339169
Ifc (941) Calvin M. Hazelbaker 35609822
Ifc (060) C. Ogden M. Hoffner 34432639
Ifc (911) Eugene F. Miska 35057919

TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (TECH)

Pvt (911) James I. Hackett 42030612
Pvt (901) Daniel E. White 39411062

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1. The subject of this report is the study of the
effects of the various factors mentioned above.

2. The results of the study are as follows: (a) The
effect of the various factors mentioned above is
as follows: (b) The effect of the various factors
mentioned above is as follows: (c) The effect of
the various factors mentioned above is as follows:

3. The results of the study are as follows: (a) The
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as follows: (b) The effect of the various factors
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the various factors mentioned above is as follows:

Randall W. Hendricks
Director, Bureau of
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of the Interior

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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGURE GROUP

APO 595, U. S. Army
2 September 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 104)

1. 1st Lt WED MORLA, 0140099, AC, is aptd Gp Personal Equipment Officer, vice Capt ERNEST R. FENDLEY, 0103243, AC, tard.
2. Under the provisions of AR 615-5, 30 June 1943, and upon the recommendation of his Orgn Comdr, Sgt (911) Jesse L. Dastrow, 33267813, 397th Ftr Sq, is reduced to the gr of Pvt for misconduct.
3. Under the provisions of AR 600.68, the following named EM, 396th Ftr Sq, having completed the required amount of serv in the Army of the United States and having demonstrated fidelity through faithful and exact performances of duty, efficiency through capability to produce desired results, and whose behavior has been such as to deserve commendation, are awarded Good Conduct Medals for exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity.

Technical Sergeants

Cates, Herbert	37257124
Donahue, Robert	3746994
Harisiades, Alkibiades	12786231
Hansen, Carl L. Jr	15018729
Legere, Robert J.	11055789
Malone, William	32375107
Mewcalf, Wesley T.	31115733
Seignan, Seymour W.	32323442
Spigut, Michael G.	33175007
Sampona, Garibaldi	32405052
Nilson, Sumner F.	12009007

Staff Sergeants

Aronson, Alfred E.	32453325
Bassler, Ellis M.	32419383
Chrisman, Leland D.	37253182
Crisci, Nicholas M.	12148531
Daly, Thomas F.	12079005
Dilger, Quentin F.	37155347
Engelman, Howard L.	35614905
Iverett, William H.	34725837
Fowler, Clarence J.	14193837
Gergel, Richard G.	35397713
Shizzone, Chester A.	32461172
Gruber, Robert L.	17109311
Harkness, Keith L.	37212530
Harvoll, Clarence H.	11149505

Staff Sergeants Cont'd

Hartke, Christian F.	39545559
Hydick, John	33322264
Kaczynka, Sigmond A.	31037044
Karpak, Clement A.	11022521
Knowlton, Orville P.	34476622
Koster, Don E.	31060729
Lamm, Joseph E. Jr	35401890
Lancaster, Kenneth B.	37297821
Lourette, William L.	12080627
Martin, Andrew D.	31027257
Morgan, Edward F.	31353579
Mueller, Adolph O.	3113661
Norin, Edward L.	31359467
Nelson, Willard O.	31190446
Norris, Almon B. Jr	19135675
Porter, Buford	15035202
Rodgers, Raymond J.	35507965
Smith, Raymond W.	17135041
Slag, Richard G.	37139420
Stamper, Raymond	3148086
Uphan, John A.	31366351
Wass, George C.	31302742
Wack, Adolph T.	11019459
Walters, Clarence A.	31175281
Wightman, Edwin C.	31166574
Winter, William E.	11099555
Wood, John C. Jr	11053200
Zidek, Stephen J.	31348455

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Sergeants

Aquino, Albert L.	12040005
Basch, Gustavus	14032897
Bedian, Zane	12274155
Bennett, Edmund E.	11029089
Bernstein, David C.	17039951
Blackwell, Sady	33129363
Burnham, Franklin H.	31105737
Brinson, Karlton C.	38222647
Davidson, Buford F.	36555513
Detert, Norbert M.	36615234
Dolan, Andrew J. Jr	11092825
Dooley, Thomas F.	11103656
Endicott, Alvin R.	35720453
Engle, Clayton B.	32466149
Ewin, Edward G.	36070094
Fisher, Charles H.	33235040
Fitzgerald, Robert F.	32221162
Flores, Ernie V.	33556781
Greenspan, Richard	12037070
Hirschfeld, Casper I.	35601640
Joyner, Wiley V. Jr	34666029
Lucas, Leonard M.	36376995
McInness, Daniel T.	31192773
McCain, Joe L.	38225699
Mei, Renato E.	39094661
Miletich, Joseph L.	17069909
Monaghan, Gerald H.	31110943
Peters, John H.	33496413
Porter, Leonard W.	32551938
Price, Richard C.	32194545
Ribbeck, Reginald H.	18026461
Richard, Roy Z.	3336598
Stephens, Arnold G.	11097360
Stone, Lloyd R.	15076071

Sergeants Cont'd

Stockford, Robert L.	31044428
Sullivan, Edward J.	31093461
Szecsul, Frank C.	31201628
Thomas, Dominick J.	31105799
Thompson, Oswald C.	32436203
Wilson, Clayton W.	35449088
Wilhite, Jack W.	20443592
Woods, Robert W.	17071398

Corporals

Barry, Martin M.	12191052
Corcolocotus, John D.	39035496
Doyon, Rena A.	31119005
Duffy, Joseph A.	31096872
Martin, Harvey	12045363
Maurer, William E.	19087611
Michelson, George R.	37666729
Mitchell, William G.	33567094
Fadgett, Leon J.	34545387
Schneider, Henry S.	39558344
Sokoloff, Morris	33054918
Steinback, Charles E.	35514014
Sulton, Mohamed	32421986
Teague, Edgar R. Jr	37604398
Tosetti, Ambrosco J.	11033503
Tunkel, Sheldon	12203733
Wyatt, Howard F.	35652372

Privates First Class

Harrelson, Lacy R.	34604636
Silver, Joseph	11105689
Thomas, Joseph M.	12580109

Privates

Smith, Edward J.	1306467
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HEADQUARTERS
360TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 595, U. S. Army
13 September 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 107)

1. Pursuant to the authority contained in 3rd Ind fr Hq Ninth Air Force, 21 April 1944 to Ltr, Hq US Strategic Air Forces in Europe, 29 March 44, file 245.8 x 354.7, subj: "Auth for Mont Alvs at Air Force West Home," the following named officers are placed on temp dy, will proceed to the 360th Fighter Group to Eynsham Hall, AAF Sta 567, cya 14 Sept 1944 for a period of seven (7) days, exclusive of travel time, for the purpose of carrying out the instructions of the CG, Ninth Air Force. Upon completion of this temp dy, they will ret to proper orga. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail.

Where Govt qrs and subs are not available, reimbursement for actual cost of qrs not to exceed 4.00 dollars per day and per diem 1.25 dollars in lieu of subs is atzd while in a travel status, in accordance w/Par 2, Cir 63, Hq European T of Opns USA, 5 June 1944. 60-114 P 432-02 A 212/50425 and 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

Per diem 1.25 dollars in lieu of subs is atzd in accordance w/Par 4, US Strategic Air Forces in Europe, Reg No 30-3, 29 June 1944. 60-136 P 410-01 A 212/50200.

Capt CARLOS M. TALBOTT 025797 AC
1st Lt GEORGE L. SUTCLIFFE 0681739 AC

2. Cpl (759) Walter C. Berendt, 35668044, 397th Ftr Sq. is placed on indefinite temp dy with Co WD 926th Sig Bn, will proceed fr this sta to Hq IX TAC reporting by 1600 hours, 14 Sept 1944 to the Signal Officer. Upon completion of this temp dy EM will ret to prop orga and sta. TDN by mil acft, MT or rail. Auth: TWX IX TAC S2907. 60-114 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

(Travel directed is pursuant to auth contained in Ltr Hq ETOUSA, 24 May 1944).

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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

AFO 595, U. S. ARMY
19 September 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 111)

1. The following named EM, Sq indicated, are placed on DS for an indefinite period with 327th Ftr Control Sq, will proceed fr this sta o/a 20 Sept 1944 to Hq IX TAC reporting upon arrival to Capt Jones, Comm Officer, 327th Ftr Control Sq. Upon completion of this temp dy EM will ret to prop orgn and sta. TDN by MP. 60-114 P 432-02 A 212/50425. Auth: IX TAC TWX S567J.

Sgt (759) James L. Supple	35660999	395th Fighter Squadron
Cpl (759) Michael Strong	32496453	395th Fighter Squadron
Sgt (759) Clayton W. Wilson	35449088	396th Fighter Squadron
Cpl (759) Jerome Zeitlin	32512897	396th Fighter Squadron
Sgt (759) Clarence D. Parrish	39827477	397th Fighter Squadron
Cpl (759) Kenneth C. Frishtick	12155983	397th Fighter Squadron

2. Under the provisions of AR 615-5, 30 June 1943, and upon the recommendation of his Orgn Comdr, Cpl (750) George F. O'Hara, 12141960, 395th Ftr Sq, is reduced to the gr of Pvt for misconduct.

3. Under the provisions of AR 615-5, 30 June 1943, and upon the recommendation of his Orgn Comdr, Cpl (409) William P. McCarley, 34514105, Hq 368th Ftr Gr, (SD 395th Ftr Sq), is reduced to the gr of Pvt for misconduct.

4. Under the provisions of AR 615-5, 30 June 1943, and upon the recommendation of his Orgn Comdr, Pfc (345) George J. Simpson, 31263713, 395th Ftr Sq, is reduced to the gr of Pvt for misconduct.

(Travel directed is pursuant to auth contained in Ltr Hq ETOUSA, 24 May 1944).

By order of Colonel MEYERS:

MAURICE D. POWELL,
1st Lt, Air Corps,
Assistant Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

Maurice D. Powell
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1st Lt, Air Corps,
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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 595, U. S. ARMY
21 September 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 112)

1. The following named officers are granted five (5) days operational leave will proceed from this station to Station 519 UK so as to arrive thereat c/a 23 Sept 1944 reporting to the Regulating Station for registration upon arrival. Period of leave will commence upon arrival at Station 519 and terminate upon return to that station for return transportation to their proper orgn. 60-114 P 432-02 A 212/50425 and 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. Auth: Ltr, Hq IX TAC, file 210,711, dtd 21 July 1944, sub: "Operational Leave Policy." TDN by mil acft, MT, or rail.

Capt CLIFFORD L. GAMBLE	0676776	AC
1st Lt JAMES W. EAGLEY	0745326	AC
1st Lt FORREST D. MEDLAM	0681585	AC
2d Lt WALTER R. JOHNSON	0814696	AC
F/O CHARLES R. FOLTZ	T2681	AC
Capt JOSEPH J. MCLACHLAN	0665844	AC
Capt DENNIS CRISP	0427531	AC
1st Lt FRANK S. KERCHNER	0805637	AC
1st Lt ALBERT L. LARSEN JR	0677064	AC
2d Lt RICHARD J. FOX	0815679	AC
2d Lt RICHARD C. COX	0702770	AC
2d Lt RUPERT B. MAXWELL	0766609	AC
2d Lt ALBERT F. BRIZENDINE	0820454	AC
1st Lt EDWARD W. DLEE	0745312	AC
1st Lt HENRY B. HAMILTON	0805617	AC
2d Lt JAMES P. HOGAN JR	0767237	AC
2d Lt MERVIN K. BOO	0515437	AC
2d Lt VERNON O. FEIN	0767175	AC
F/O MICHAEL H. HARDY	T2688	AC

2. Under the provisions of AR 615-5, 30 June 1943, and upon the recommendation of his Orgn Condr, Cpl (911) Howard Gutman, 12093865, 395th Ftr Sq, is reduced to the gr of Pvt for misconduct.

(Travel directed is pursuant to auth contained in Ltr Hq ETOUSA, 24 May 1944).

By order of Colonel MEYERS:

OFFICIAL:

Hugh L. Rice
HUGH L. RICE,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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Major, Air Corps,
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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 595, U. S. Army
25 September 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
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NUMBER 115)

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-68, the following named EM, 397th Ftr Sq, having completed the required amount of serv in the Army of the United States and having demonstrated fidelity through faithful and exact performances of duty, efficiency through capacity to produce desired results, and whose behavior has been such as to deserve emulation, are awarded Good Conduct Medals for exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity:

Technical Sergeants

Hanna, George S.	6260511
Klein, Martin M.	32506469

Staff Sergeants

Angle, Leslie H.	17176013
Brooks, Wiley A.	38124559
Bryant, Edwin E.	32478617
Causbie, J. R.	18066058
Cloutier, Raymond J.	36328654
DeBaker, Gordon T.	36262676
Embury Charles W.	31098313
Erickson, Burton	12059553
Fagan, Harlan A.	35257018
Feliziani, Reek A.	39844664
Filler, John R.	13016456
Flick, Carl J.	35302036
Floyd, Cletus E.	38108911
Foster, Robert H.	13017120
Hamilton, Willis M.	14130162
Humble, Ernest	37052021
LaGrone, Louis E.	14181892
Larson, John H.	36376031
Lerman, Paul H.	31116041
McDaniels, L. E.	34343459
McNellis, James T.	18044162
Merlone, William J.	31105696
Nacion, Vernon F.	32304027
Nelson, Donald E.	13135151
O'Dell, Clingman	34433182

Staff Sergeants cont'd

Rocewicky, Michael W.	35028447
Seeley, Samuel D.	31125340
Siegert, Harold E.	35135172
Sparks, Warner H.	32077154
Stamps, French	34474020
Swanson, Clarence R.	31066335
Wildpret, Robert L.	35377057
Witherspoon, Melvin J.	33284444
Wych, Joseph D.	37437407
Zingale, Salvatore	32318625

Sergeants

Alequin, Jose	12089221
Busch, John H.	32366862
Cordista, Nickolas	12181533
Crimble, George W.	11116313
Erikson, Gustaf	11042577
Estaphan, Charles A.	11116320
Goodwin, Carl N.	11068127
Grader, Walter B.	31287351
Hull, Russell O.	37512831
Irish, John A.	32479280
Lewiski, Anthony F.	32504194
Maher, Joseph C.	32768059
Musker, Thomas H.	31090880
Perrine, Rexall	35279986
Roman, Joseph	31113108
Rook, Robert R.	16136862
Skovran, Joseph F.	33265802

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SO 115, Hq 363th Ftr Gp, dtd 25 Sept 1944, par 1, Cont'd.

Sergeants Cont'd.

Stanice, Edward R. 17157374

Cornorals

Adams, Marvin L. 33242324
 Check, Charles E. 31329091
 Espinosa, Leo Jr. 39996692
 Gaydos, Michael T. 33666587
 Heath, Harry W. Jr. 35577230
 Katz, Stanley H. 32767176

Corporals Cont'd.

Kessler, George L. 32627712
 McNeil, Archie F. 32235946
 Nelson, James H. 12189676
 Sattui, Melville L. 19039355
 Snodgrass, Leonard E. 37497816

Privates First Class

May, Ralph R. 31624963
 Ncary, Edward F. 33666551

2. The following named EM, Sq indicated, are placed on DS for an indefinite period with 555th Sig A W Bn, will proceed fr this sta o/a 27 Sept 1944 to Hq IX TAC reporting upon arrival to Capt Hudson at Command Signal Office. Upon completion of this temp dy EM will ret to proper orgn and sta. TDM by MT. 60-114 P 432-02 A 212/50425. AUTH: Teletype, IX TAC S803J

Cpl (789) Henry J. Sorrentino	39 545612	395th Fighter Sq
Cpl (789) Daniel W. Przewiezikowski	131 58992	395th Fighter Sq
Pvt (805) William R. Ebulak	36 729442	395th Fighter Sq
S Sgt (789) Dennis W. Dolvin	38265891	396th Fighter Sq
Cpl (789) Jerome J. Meyers	12183568	396th Fighter Sq
Cpl (789) Carl L. Wetzel	32544951	396th Fighter Sq
Pvt (890) Elmer C. Wetzel	33054038	396th Fighter Sq
Cpl (789) Bernard Bronheim	12 89187	397th Fighter Sq
Cpl (789) Grover C. McDaniel, Jr.	18123421	397th Fighter Sq
Pfc (890) Jessie J. Fields.	38802547	397th Fighter Sq

By order of Colonel MEYERS:

MAURICE D. POWELL,
 1st Lieut, Air Corps,
 Asst Adjutant.

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