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PILOTS'S ENCOUNTER REPORT \*\*\* CAPTAIN EUGENE M. POTTER # 0885463

- A. COMBAT
- B. JULY 4TH 1944
- C. 397TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, 363TH FIGHTER GROUP
- D. 2040
- E. VICINITY OF BIELE, FRANCE ( Y348716 )
- F. CLOUD BASE 1500 FEET @ TOP OF CLOUDS 6000 TO 7000 FEET  
COVERAGE 6/10 @ FAIR VISIBILITY
- G. ONE (1) FW 190
- H. ONE (1) FW 190 DESTROYED
- I. 800 ROUNDS
- J. PILOTS STATEMENT:

I, CAPTAIN EUGENE M. POTTER, WAS FLYING AS BLUE LEADER IN TROPIC SQUADRON. WE HAD BEEN ASSIGNED TO DIVE BOMB TARGETS NEAR PERIERS. HOWEVER, AS THE CLOUD CONDITION AT PERIERS WAS UNSATISFACTORY, WE DECIDED TO SELECT TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY NEAR COUTANCES.

AS WE WERE ABOUT TO DIVE THRU THE CLOUDS, BANDITS (FW 190 AND ME 109'S) WERE CALLED IN ALONG SIDE OF US AT 9 O'CLOCK. MAJOR HAESLER, TROPIC LEADER, TURNED THE SQUADRON INTO THEM, AT THE SAME TIME TELLING US TO GET RID OF OUR BOMBS.

I TURNED BLUE FLIGHT INTO THE ATTACK: AND AS THEY DIVED THRU THE CLOUDS, WE STARTED AFTER THEM WITH FULL BOOST. OUR OVERTAKING SPEED WAS VERY SLOW, AND WE WERE SOUTH OF AVRANCHES BEFORE WE WERE WITHIN RANGE TO DO ANY SHOOTING.

WHEN I FINALLY GOT WITHIN 800 TO 900 YARDS, I TRIED A COUPLE OF TRIAL SHOTS AT THE REAR LEFT FW 190 AND HIT HIM WITH THE THIRD BURST AROUND THE WING ROOTS AND COCK PIT. HE BROKE SHARPLY TO THE LEFT; AND AS HE WAS SMOKING, I DECIDED TO LET HIM GO AND TRY TO GET ANOTHER ONE UP AHEAD. MY WING MAN, F/O CASSADY, SAW HIM BREAK AWAY AND SAW HIM CRASH AT BIELE.

I CLAIM ONE (1) FW 190 DESTROYED. I ENCLOSE A STATEMENT FROM F/O CASSADY.

*Eugene M. Potter*  
EUGENE M. POTTER  
CAPTAIN, AIR CORPS.

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STATEMENT OF F/O ROBERT D. CASSADY, T-61467, RELATIVE TO THE ENCOUNTER REPORT OF CAPTAIN EUGENE M. POTTER, O-885463

I, F/O ROBERT D. CASSADY, T-61467, WAS FLYING AS BLUE 2 IN TROPIC SQUADRON. I WAS FLYING TO THE RIGHT, ~~BY~~ ABOVE, AND A LITTLE BEHIND MY FLIGHT LEADER, CAPTAIN POTTER.

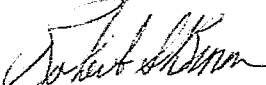
WE WERE CLOSING SLOWLY WHEN I SAW CAPTAIN POTTER FIRING ON THE EXTREME LEFT 190. I SAW HITS, AND THE 190 BROKE SHARPLY TO THE LEFT. CAPTAIN POTTER CONTINUED STRAIGHT ON AFTER THE OTHER BANDIT SO I BROKE INTO THE ~~BY~~ 190 AND FIRED THREE BURSTS (ABOUT 40 ROUNDS) AT HIM FROM UNFAVORABLE POSITIONS. THE 190 SEEMED TO BE IN TROUBLE. HE WAS SMOKING AND NOT UNDER FULL CONTROL. HE BROKE AWAY FROM ME AND STRIGHTENED OUT IN A GLIDE TOWARD BIELE. HE CRASHED IN THE TREES WEST OF BIELE.

*Robert D. Cassady*  
ROBERT D. CASSADY  
F/O, AIR CORPS.

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PILOT'S ENCOUNTER REPORT --- FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT S. BROWN, D-579983:

A --- Combat.  
 B --- 4 July 1944.  
 C --- 577th Fighter Squadron, 350th Fighter Group.  
 D --- 2040.  
 E --- Vicinity of Bille -- 1541716.  
 F --- Cloud Base: 1,500 ft -- Tops: 6,000 - 7,000 ft -- 6/10 Cov -- Fair Visib.  
 G --- CWS (1) PW-190.  
 H --- CWS (1) PW-190 Damaged.  
 I --- 1,570 Rounds.  
 J --- I was flying as Blue 5 in Tropic squadron. Our assignment was to dive bomb bridges near Pierce. Bandits were called in at nine o'clock --- same altitude and 18 in number. We jettisoned our bombs. The bandits were in a dive, heading south and we followed. There were three plus on the left side trailing and the leader of Blue Flight followed them. There were two on the right side trailing and my wing man and I attempted to close on them. We closed them and were closing very slowly --- at deck level. At extreme range I fired a few bursts in the hopes of striking the E/A and slowing him down. Strikes were observed and pieces of the left wing came off. The two E/A's pulled up into a low cloud. I followed them up and fired in a left turn after him. More strikes were observed and the E/A broke right onto the deck. I had become separated from Blue Leader and deemed it unwise to follow further, so broke off combat.  
 I claim one PW-190 damaged..

  
 ROBERT S. BROWN,  
 1st Lt, Air Corps.

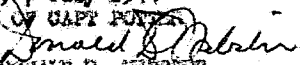
STATEMENT OF CAPT EUGENE H. POTIER RELATIVE TO LEUTENANT BROWN'S CLAIM:

I was Blue leader in Tropic squadron. Blue Flight was chasing 18 bandits and closing very slowly on them. Lt Brown was trying to close on the PW-190's on the right. When it became apparent that we were closing so slowly that we would be sucked deep into enemy territory, Lt Brown fired at one of the 190's on the right in an attempt to slow him down. I saw strikes on the left side of the 190. Two of them pulled up through the cloud. Closing followed by Lt Brown and his wingman.

I did not see Lt Brown again until we picked each other up near Awanchas on the way back to base.

Capt POTIER MIL 7 July 1944

ABOVE STATEMENT OF CAPT POTIER

IS A TRUE COPY:   
 DONALD D. WENGLER,  
 Capt, AG, Sqdn S-2.

EUGENE H. POTIER,  
 Capt, Air Corps.

STATEMENT OF 2/LT JOHN A. HILLKESCH RELATIVE TO LEUTENANT BROWN'S CLAIM:

I was flying Blue four position in Tropic squadron, as Lt Brown's wingman. Our flight was chasing 18 bandits when Lt Brown was able to close to within one thousand yards of two PW-190's, which were to the right and behind the bulk of the formation. Lt Brown fired at one and I observed several strikes on the left wing of the 190. The two 190's then made a slight left turn up into a cloud and Lt Brown followed them. The 190's then broke to the right on the deck. We rejoined Blue leader at Awanchas and returned to base.

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 JOHN A. HILLKESCH, 2nd Lt, Air Corps.

Statement of P/O Cassady relative to crash of Lt. O'Donnell on 22  
April 1944 (Encounter Report Submitted previously)

I, P/O Robert D. Cassady, 1-31457, was flying number four position in Tropic yellow flight. I was flying to the left, above, and a little behind my element leader, 1st Lt. O'Donnell.

We were closing slowly when I saw Lt. O'Donnell firing on the Lt. 109. I saw him; it started sucking badly and pieces were flying off. Lt. O'Donnell pulled off and up to the right and as he did the Lt. 109 crashed into the ground near the front and burst into flames.

*Robert D. Cassady*  
ROBERT D. CASSADY  
P/O, Air Corps.

PILOT'S REPORT \*\*\* W. H. HAYES, CAPTAIN, A.C., C-88463

- A. Combat
- B. 7 July 1944
- C. 227th Fighter Squadron - 1st Fighter Group
- D. Near Salerno - Italy
- E. Cloud base: 7000 feet - good visibility
- F. One (1) P-47
- G. One (1) P-47
- H. Unknown - pilot

The pilot is dead and presumed killed in action as a result of a mid-air collision. The pilot of the P-47 was attacking an enemy P-47 on, just after the squadron formation had passed the enemy P-47, attacking out of the clouds in flight or six feet above and to the left. A mid-air collision between Capt. Kotter and the P-47 appeared inevitable to the other members of the flight when they last saw him, but they did not actually see the plane. Capt. H. H. Nelson, a P-47 pilot, appeared in the rear of the group, group mission, and, however, he did not see the collision. Capt. Nelson was interrogated and he gave the following evidence: He did not see the collision but he was involved in the collision. He reported that the pilot of the P-47 was killed in action and was presumed killed in action. Capt. Nelson, P-47 pilot, John C. Baker.

*James L. Nelson*  
Pilot, 227th Fighter Squadron,  
1st Fighter Group,  
Capt. Intelligence Officer.

WITNESS'S REPORT \*\*\*

While flying wing position in formation flight on mission C-81-44, I witnessed a mid-air collision of a P-47 and a P-47. As our flight approached the target area heading southeast, we set up a flight of P-47's leading with a P-47 at altitude of about 7,000 ft. I was a member of our flight and was in flight was preceded by P-47's. As I saw a P-47 ahead of me I saw a P-47 ahead of me over-coming a headwind of about 100 mph and on with one of the P-47's we had just passed. As I saw the collision I immediately broke about sight of the results of the accident.

I am not sure of the color of the P-47 involved, but I will state that of the group flight we passed, one of the P-47's was silver. I also saw Capt. Kotter flew a silver P-47 on this mission.

The accident occurred near Salerno, Italy, on July 7, 1944. The time was, approximately, 0800. The visibility was good with haze of clouds at nearly 7,000 ft. The accident occurred directly overhead the aircraft.

*Henry L. Olson*  
Pilot, 227th Fighter Squadron,  
1st Fighter Group,  
Pilot, 227th Fighter Squadron.

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was captured before the ship was on mission 1-21-44. We dive bombed  
the target and were climbing to altitude when jumped by 12 planes. I got  
from 10,000. I got shot at the same time and was hit at 10,000  
and was the only one to get out of the target area. I got out with the  
plane at 10,000 feet and was shot at.  
His tail was clear at all times until he went into the clouds - which  
was the first time I saw him. I was surprised to see him.

*John C. Bunch*

1st Lt. B-24, 1st  
24th Bombardment Group

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REPORT OF COMBAT ACTION BY 1st Lt. RUDOLPH L. MARCO, O-74743

- A. Combat
- B. July 17, 1944
- C. 337th Fighter Squadron -- 337th Fighter Group
- D. 1943
- E. 10 miles west of Falaise, France
- F. Cloud base 2000 ft. - 4/10 - vis: good
- G. P-47
- H. One (1) P-47 destroyed
- I. 100 rounds
- J.

I, 1st Lt. Rudolph L. Marco, O-74743, was on an armed reconnaissance, north-west of Argentan, France, in a squadron of eight P-47s (two flights). At 1:30 set course for this base at 2000 ft. altitude - above broken clouds. At approximately 1:40 my flight leader called in the bandit going 180 deg. to our course and under the clouds. - at 2 o'clock, low. Capt. R. A. O'Connell (flight leader) broke to the left and down and came out 6 o'clock to P-47 and getting into P-47's prop wash and firing. He broke away from P-47 as he over ran him, and calling that he missed him. I was flying No. 3 position and covered Capt. O'Connell until he called about missing the P-47. At that time I was about 300 yards and 4 o'clock to 4/4 and opened fire at that distance with about 30 rounds. Deflection and observed strikes and fired down to about 100 yards - pieces falling. The P-47 burst into flames and pilot bailed out - his chute opening and the P-47 hit and blew up. The P-47 was carrying a belly tank and flying at the base of the clouds and at no time took any evasive action. On Capt. O'Connell's pass I observed a few strikes on wings and the P-47 never had changed from original heading. I figure the P-47 pilot was flying head up.

*Rudolph L. Marco*  
RUDOLPH L. MARCO  
1st Lt., Air Corps  
Pilot, 337th Fighter Squadron

OFFICIAL STATEMENT FROM WITNESS:

On July 17, 1944, I was leading a group of eight P-47s on an armed reconnaissance in the area of Argentan, France. We had completed our mission about 1:30 and were flying a course of 300 deg. For some time my altitude was 2000 feet and the cloud condition was about 4/10 base at 2000 and tops at 4500. I spotted a P-47 at nine o'clock low, going 180 deg. to our course. I broke down on him and closed in at six o'clock. I fired one burst and witnessed strikes. I was closing fast and got in his prop wash and was forced to break away to the left. I called that I did not get him and as I broke away by No. 3 man, 1st Lt. R. A. Marco, closed in on him. Pieces started falling off and the P-47 burst into flames. The pilot bailed out, but, I believe, he was hit for as I passed him he appeared very limp in his chute. At no time did P-47 take evasive action.

*Russell A. O'Connell*  
RUSSELL A. O'CONNELL  
Captain, Air Corps  
Pilot, 337th Fighter Squadron.



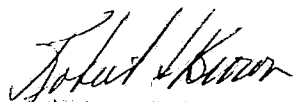
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Report of Pilot, 397th Fighter Squadron, 34th Fighter Group, 17/2/44

- a. Contact
- b. June 27, 1944
- c. 397th Fighter Squadron, 34th Fighter Group
- d. 1220
- e. F-50, 20
- f. Clouds from 2,000 ft. to 7,000 ft., 8/10 to 10/10 coverage with broken daylight visibility.
- g. one (1) F-190
- h. one (1) F-190 damaged
- i. 300 rounds
- j.

I, Robert S. Brown, O-579283, was flying number three in Tropic Plus Flight. We were flying south at, approximately, 2000 feet. Our position was just east of Ganay, France. I observed one F-190 come out of the clouds a little behind us and to the left. He made no attack and seemed to be trying to get below us unobserved. I called the break into him and with two tight turns was on his tail. I began to fire at approximately 300 yards and observed strikes on the under side of his fuselage. He had initial zoom and headed for cloud. I fired a longer burst, observing strikes on the wings and around the cockpit, a small explosion and a few pieces flew off the E/A. Continued to chase the E/A, but he went into a heavy cloud and I lost him.

I claim one (1) F-190 damaged on this encounter.

  
Robert S. Brown  
1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Pilot, 397th Fighter Squadron.

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Pilots called for me. I -- 1st Lt. John P. Foltz, O-74,527, 7 July 1944

A Combat  
C 7 July 1944  
D 577th Fighter Squadron -- 553th Fighter Group  
E 0940  
F Approx. 5 miles east of Vire, France  
G Cloud base 7,000 -- 10/10 -- good visibility  
H One (1) Pz 190  
I One (1) Pz 190 damaged  
J 900 rounds

I, John P. Foltz, O-74,527, 1st Lt., Air Corps, was flying no. 5 in Dropic Plus flight on July 7, 1944. We dive bombed a target east of Vire. As we pulled up from the target six Pz 190's jumped our flight. I broke left and pulled up into the clouds. As I broke thru the clouds a Pz 190 pulled up in front of me. I pulled up on him and started firing. I got a good burst on him and saw some strikes; he then rolled over and back into the clouds.  
I claim this one damaged.

*John P. Foltz*  
John P. Foltz  
1st Lt., Air Corps

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557th Ftr Sqdn 3-2 rpt on a scramble mission of 2 July 1944 -- sqdn mission no. \_\_\_\_\_

- A -- 557th Ftr Sqdn -- Opns No. \_\_\_\_\_ -- 2 Jul 44 -- mission no. 001.  
 B -- 4 -- no opns (Direct Alert Flight: Capt O'Connell, 2/Lt. [redacted], 2/Lt. [redacted], and P/O [redacted]).  
 C -- None.  
 D -- 4 -- Airfld approx 5 mi S of Caen -- 1515.  
 E -- No Bombs -- Scramble mission.  
 F -- No Bombs -- Scramble mission.  
 G -- ~~//////~~ Nil.  
 H -- ~~//////~~ One -- by enemy action -- prob. 00. Alt. 7,000 ft.  
 I -- ~~//////~~ Nil.  
 J -- Caen area -- B-109's and P-130's -- 1515 -- about 40. / 0 miles.  
 K -- One P-47 (German red) bailed out -- heard over radio -- location unknown.  
 L -- Poor -- Numerous layers of cumulus -- 6/10 cov. from 4,000 to 6,000 ft. at 1515.  
 M -- 1400 -- 1530. (Three Doms here -- one landed at strip 65 -- crash landing).  
 N -- Nil.  
 O -- Nil.  
 P -- Good.  
 Q -- None.  
 R -- Heavy, meager, inaccurate flak over Caen area.  
 S -- None.  
 T -- Lt. [redacted] and Lt. [redacted] fired at some of the 2/Lt. rptd in "J" above. No other encounters -- flight was greatly outnumbered -- evasive action taken, using clouds as cover.  
 U -- No 2/Lt. hearing Allied markings noted.  
 Add. T: P/O [redacted] crash landed at strip 65 (RAF) and was ~~//////~~ returned to this base by an RAF wing commander and a British Army captain.

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397th Ftr Sqdn 1-2 rpt on a weather mission of 2 July 1944 -- Sqdn Mission No. \_\_\_\_\_

- 1 --  
 397th Ftr Sqdn -- Opns No. \_\_\_\_\_ -- 2 Jul 44 -- Missions 10, 11 and 12.
- 2 -- 3 -- no spares -- (Two flts of 4 ea, i. e., the second and third alert flights)  
 (Second Alert Flight: Capt MANN, Lt Col SMITH, Capt BROWN and Capt JONES).  
 (Third Alert Flight: Capt WILSON, Lt Col DAVIS, Capt GIBSON, and Capt HARRIS).
- 3 -- Nil.
- 4 -- 8 -- area from 50 mi. W. of Oahu to Leeward -- 1630 to 1700.
- 5 -- thru K -- Nil.
- 6 -- Poor -- Numerous layers of cumulus and strato cumulus -- 7/10 to 7/10 density --  
 at 10,000 ft -- solid overcast -- good visib.
- 7 -- Second Flt up: 1510  
 Third Flt up: 1530  
 Both down: 1710.
- 8 -- and 9 -- Nil.
- 9 -- Generally good -- 'D' channel poor on Capt MANN's plane.
- 10 -- None.
- 11 -- Light and heavy weather, inaccurate flak at Oahu and south of there.
- 12 -- None.
- 13 -- Inevitable.
- 14 -- No 1/4 baria, allied markings noted.

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39714 FTR SQDN -- 2 JUL 44 -- MISSION NO. 5.

A -- 39714 FTR SQDN -- 2 JUL 44 -- MISSION NO. 5.

B -- 3 -- NO SPARES.

C -- 1 -- PILOT WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT HIS RADIO WAS OUT.

D -- 7 -- VICINITY OF CAEN AND PATROL FR LAYEUX TO CAEN -- ~~4419/18/1100/~~

E -- 1000 0 -- NIL 2017 -- 2120.

F -- ONE -- A -- FLAK

G -- 1000 K -- NIL

H -- MUCH RAIN -- POOR WEA -- OVERCAST AT 2,000 TO 3,000 FT -- STRATO CUMULUS CLOUDS.

I -- 2016 2017/11/1100/ 2010 -- 2155.

J -- 0 -- NIL

K -- GOOD

L -- NIL

M -- 100, 100, 100 FLAK AND HWY, 100, 100 FLAK IN VICINITY OF CAEN.

N -- NIL

O -- MISSION CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS OF CONTROLLER.

P -- NO E/A HEARING ALLIED AIRCRAFT NOTED.

Q -- 100 FLAK OBSERVED IN VICINITY OF CAEN -- 100 FLAK, 100 FLAK, 100 FLAK NOTED AT 2015 FT WINGS.

R -- 100, 100, 100 FLAK IN VICINITY OF CAEN.

S -- 100, 100, 100 FLAK IN VICINITY OF CAEN.

T -- 100, 100, 100 FLAK IN VICINITY OF CAEN.

U -- NIL

V -- MISSION CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS OF CONTROLLER.

W -- NO E/A HEARING ALLIED AIRCRAFT NOTED.

X -- 100 FLAK OBSERVED IN VICINITY OF CAEN -- 100 FLAK, 100 FLAK, 100 FLAK NOTED AT 2015 FT WINGS.

Y -- 100, 100, 100 FLAK IN VICINITY OF CAEN.

Z -- 100, 100, 100 FLAK IN VICINITY OF CAEN.

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597th Ftr Sqdn 1-2 1st on a 1/2 hour mission of 3 July 1954 -- with mission no. \_\_\_\_\_

- A -- 597th Ftr Sqdn -- Opns C No. 444 -- 1st -- 3 Jul 54 -- mission no.
- B -- 10 -- no spares.
- C -- Nil
- D -- 10 -- gun deflated position at 112700I -- 1030.
- E -- 20 x 250-lb G's loaded. (1/10 nose -- 1/40 tail;  
18 on 2gt.  
2 hit to base.  
hit at start of dive -- 7,500 ft.  
angle of dive -- 20 to 60 deg.  
hit at release -- 3,000 ft.
- F -- results of bombing were fair -- tgt not distinct -- no gun positions seen.  
something was hit which emitted black smoke.
- G -- target -- Nil.
- H -- swelling cumulus clouds fr 5,000 to 7,000 ft -- 3/10 cov -- very good visib.
- I -- 1801 -- 1953.
- J -- A O -- Nil.
- K -- Good. (fuelman was not clear on channel at time of take off).
- L -- An excellent target was ~~observed~~ ~~at~~ ~~112700I~~ suspected on a road from 15100 to 15030. It was thought that supplies of some sort are located on this road. This area was strafed and an object of some sort was destroyed. A tremendous amount of white smoke poured forth from this object. The road is located in the forest de ~~112700I~~ at Sever and ~~112700I~~ near the forest was covered with this white smoke. The squadron assigned this road as a tgt for the night of 3 Jul 54.
- M -- div, 2000, 1000 ft in the vicinity of wayray (15041).
- N -- at 112700I destr 1 fuel truck on a secondary road at 19330.  
destr 1 fuel truck at the same place.  
destr 1 fuel truck at 112700I destr the unidentified object mentioned in 'L'.
- O -- results of bombing were fair -- mission yielded valuable tgt info.
- P -- no 1/3 w/a. fuel warnings noted.

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397TH FTR SQDN S-2 RPT ON A D/BOMB/MISSION OF 2 JUL 44 -- MISSION \_\_\_\_  
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ARMED RECON

A -- 397TH FTR SQDN -- OPNS D NO. K20-5, PAR 3A -- 2 JUL 44 - MISSION 1  
 B -- L2 -- NO SPARES  
 C -- NIL  
 D -- 1 -- OVER TGT -- OTHER 3 PLANES JETTISONED BOMBS IN ORDER TO CHASE  
 E/A -- TOT 2015. -- TGT ATKD WAS BRIDGE AT T1952.  
 E -- 2 1/2 X 500-LB GP'S LOADED (1/10 NOSE -- 1/10 TAIL)  
 7 ON TGT  
 17 JET S OF B/LINE  
 ALT AT START OF DIVE: 5,000 FT  
 ANGLE OF DIVE: 70 DEG.  
 ALT AT RELEASE: 1,500 FT. THAT  
 F -- MINIMUM DAMAGE TO BRIDGE WAS ~~XX~~ ITS EAST SIDE (ON ROAD) WAS WEAK-  
 ENED.  
 G -- NIL  
 H -- ONE -- A -- PROB FLAK  
 I -- NIL  
 J -- DISTANCES (T2057) -- 10 FW-190'S -- 2020 -- 5,000 FT.  
 CAPT POTTER DESTR ONE (1) FW-190 BETW AVRAUCHES (T2111) AND  
 ST JAMES (T Y3990)  
 K -- NIL  
 L -- CLOUDS FR 1,500 TO 3,000 FT -- CGV 9/10 AT TOT -- 5/10 CLEARANCE  
 GOOD VISIB -- A TENDENCY TOWARD MORE CLDS OF AVRAUCHES.  
 M -- 1953 -- 2053.  
 N: G -- ~~NIL~~ NIL  
 P -- EXCELLENT  
 Q -- NIL  
 R -- HVY, INT, ACC FLAK AT MORTAIN. - T511  
 S -- NIL  
 T -- ONE (1) FW-190 WAS DESTR AND ONE WAS DAMAGED.  
 U -- NO E/A BEARING ALLIED HARRINGS NOTED

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REPORT OF 397TH GLIDE BOMBING MISSION OF 5 JULY 44

- A - 397TH FS 1KU-15 5 JULY 44 MISSION NO 1  
B - 12 PLANES  
C - NIL  
D - 12 BRIDGE AT T235.33 AND FILL AT T255.77 (THIS FILL ACCORDING TO BRIEFING WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN A BRIDGE)- 1724 OVER BRIDGE AT T235.33 1729 AT FILL AT T255.77.  
E - 24 500 LB GP BOMBS LOADED (3 TO 11 SEC DELAY)  
15 BOMBS DROPPED ON BRIDGE; 3 BOMBS DROPPED ON FILL; 1 BOMB RET TO BASE.  
ALT AT START OF DIVE- 2000 FT  
ANGLE OF DIVE= 20 DEG  
ALT AT RELEASE- DECK  
F - RESULTS OF BOMBING ON BRIDGE WERE NOT GOOD. NO DIRECT HITS, BUT ALL BOMBS FELL IN CLOSE VICINITY. BRIDGE NOT VISIBLY DAMAGED. MUST BE STRONGLY CONSTRUCTED.  
THERE WERE NO HITS DIRECTLY ON THE FILL, BUT THERE WERE TWO HITS ON THE SOUTH BANK OF THE RIVER EAST OF THE FILL, AND THERE WAS A BIG HOLE IN THE ROAD CLOSE TO THE FILL  
G T-RU K - NIL  
L - 3/10 CLOUD COVERAGE SWELLING CURTAIN CLOUDS ALT AT BASE 3000 FT TOP FROM 5 TO 6000 FT VIS GOOD  
M - 1350 - 1347  
N, O - NIL  
P - GOOD  
Q - AT 1810 25 TANKS WERE STRAFED ON ROAD BETWEEN T32.2 AND T32.4. THE SCORP BATTALION DESIRES TO ATTACK THESE TANKS ON THE NIGHT OF 5 JULY. A TANK BATTLE WAS OBSERVED IN THE VICINITY OF T3500. EVIDENTLY THESE TANKS, WHICH WERE MOVING IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION, WERE PROCEEDING TO THE FIELD OF BATTLE.  
R - NIL  
S - MAJ HENDRICKS, LT DRISCOLL, LT MARKO, AND LT HELLIESEN DESTROYED 30 TO 40 HORSES AND AT LEAST 15 WAGONS AT T34.55. EACH OF THESE WAGONS WAS DRAWN BY TWO HORSES AND TO 1 OUT OF EACH 2 OF THESE WAGONS, 2 HORSES WERE ATTACHED BEHIND. THE WAGONS WERE WELL CAMOUFLAGED AND WERE EVIDENTLY USED TO HAUL SUPPLIES AND IS VERY LIKELY THAT THEY WERE CARRYING SUPPLIES FOR THE TANKS MENTIONED ABOVE.  
T - MISSION WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL FROM THE STANDPOINT OF RECONNAISSANCE.  
U - NO E/A BEARING ALLIED MARKINGS NOTED

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597th Ftr Sqn 3-2 rpt on a D/Bomb Mission of 7 July 1944 -- Sqn mission No. \_\_\_\_\_

- A -- 597th Ftr Sqn -- Opns J. No. Y21-53 -- 7 Jul 44 -- Mission No. OLB.  
B -- 12 -- No sparsa.  
C -- None.  
D -- 12 -- Enemy Truck Concentration at T7827 -- 0930.  
E -- 24 X 500-lb GP's Loaded -- 24 on Tgt -- ~~None~~ None Jet -- None ret to base.  
Alt at Start of Dive -- 6,000 ft.  
Angle of Dive -- 60 deg.  
Alt at Release -- 1,500 ft.  
F -- All bombs dropped in tgt area with very good results.  
G -- F/O A. J. OLIVER attacked and destr by E/A near tgt.  
Capt E. M. PORTER last seen attacking E/A head-on.  
H -- None.  
I -- Fate of pilots in Par. G unknown.  
J -- Over tgt area -- FW-190's -- 0935 -- 12 plus -- E/A's jumped our planes in flights of 6 from above and 9 o'clock.  
ONE damaged -- 1/Lt J. P. FOLTZ.  
K -- None.  
L -- Tgt -- solid overcast -- 7,500 ft. -- good visib.  
M -- 0845 -- 0930.  
N -- 3 0 -- Nil.  
O -- Good.  
P -- None.  
R -- Lgt & hvy, mod, acc flak at 6460.  
S -- Some strafed with unobserved results, due to sudden attack by E/A's.  
T -- Tgt was a concentration of vehicles at T7827. Pilots were briefed to bomb and then strafe. Controller warned of E/A in area just as one flight went down to strafe. E/A attacked suddenly and out of clouds, to go right back into clouds, giving little opportunity for encounter.

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597th FIGHTER SQUADRON 8-2 REAR OF A BOMB ON 1417 AT 7 JUN 1944

A 597th Fighter Squadron \* 8-2 REAR OF A BOMB ON 1417 AT 7 JUN 1944 -- Mission no. 2  
B 12 -- No spares  
C None  
D 12 -- Gun emplacement at 1-343-797 --- 1250  
E 242500 -- 1/101/40  
Dropped on target: 242500  
Altitude at start of dive: 5000  
Angle of dive: 30  
Altitude at release: 1000  
F Artillery marked target with red smoke. All bombs dropped on target--  
blowing trees' red smoke out -- results excellent  
G thru S All  
L Over target: 5/10-scattered-5000-good  
M 1210 -- 1417  
N None  
O None  
P Good  
Q None  
R None  
S Major Hendricks destroyed one staff car and truck at 1-7123

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Mission Report 397th Fighter Squadron 8-2 July 1944

- A. 397th Fighter Squadron -- 390-9 -- July 8, 1944 -- Mission No. 1
- B. 12
- C. Nil
- D. 12 -- Road bridge at I-258755 (assigned target); road intersection at I-251754; railroad bridge over railroad track at I-2750; three or four bridges just north of I-2758 -- FOL 3955
- E. 24X,00 lb. GP bombs loaded (0 to 11 second delay)  
24 bombs dropped on target  
Altitude at start of dive: 5000 feet  
Angle of dive: 50 degrees  
Altitude at release: 500 feet to 800 feet
- F. 12 bombs were dropped on road bridge at I-258755 (assigned target)  
All twelve bombs dropped either on the bridge or very close to the bridge.  
The bridge was at least damaged. Four bombs were dropped on the road intersection at I-251754 results unobserved. Two bombs were dropped on the road bridge over the railroad track at I-2750. Results were poor.  
Six bombs were dropped on three or four bridges just north of I-2758.
- G. thru I Nil
- H. 15/10 cloud coverage, strato cumulus clouds with base at 5000 feet  
altitude at tops: unknown good visibility, except in rain area from back line south.
- I. 1215 -- 1027
- J. Nil
- K. Radio Code over radio
- L. Nil
- M. Heavy, moderate, inaccurate flak in essay area fired at P-51's.  
Light and heavy, intense, inaccurate flak from I-2575 to I-2572.  
The light flak here was more intense than the heavy flak
- N. Nil
- O. The assigned target, the road bridge at I-258755, turned out to be a culvert which seemed rather insignificant
- P. No enemy aircraft bearing allied markings were noted

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397th Fighter Squadron Mission 9-2 Report on Dive Bombing Mission 8 July 1944

- A. 397th FBS -- C.O. XXX-2 -- July 8, 1944 -- Mission No. 2
- B. 11
- C. Nil
- D. 11 -- Vicinity of T-5745 (assigned target was a gun emplacement at that point, but no gun emplacement was seen and the general vicinity was bombed in several places) -- TOT 1545
- E. 22x500 lb. GP bombs (nose instantaneous-tail 1/40)
- F. 22 bombs dropped on target
- G. Altitude at start of dive: 5000 feet  
Angle of dive: 45 degrees  
Altitude at release: 1000 feet
- H. 22 bombs dropped in area. No gun emplacements seen, results unobserved
- I. Nil
- J. One -- Cat "A" -- Flak
- K. I thru K Nil
- L. Poor weather -- solid overcast at 5000 feet -- scattered clouds at 3000 feet. Rain all over - visibility: fair and generally dark
- M. 1315 -- 1455
- N. Nil
- O. Fair
- P. Extremely large number of vehicles observed all around target
- Q. Heavy, massed, accurate flak at a place which cannot be identified, because no flak was seen. The flak damage to one plane indicated that there was flak
- R. Nil
- S. No gun emplacement was seen at the place where the assigned target was supposed to be.
- T. No enemy aircraft bearing allied markings were noted.

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297th Fighter Squadron -- 10-17-42 -- 7/1/43 -- Mission No. 1

- A. 297th Fighter Squadron -- 10-17-42 -- 7/1/43 -- Mission No. 1
- B. 12 - no scores
- C. Nil
- D. 12 -- gun replacements at 1-2773 -- 1033
- E. 24,000 - Inst.  
Dropped on target: 24,000  
Altitude at start of dive: 5000 to 4000  
Angle of dive: 50-60  
Altitude at release: 1500-2000
- F. 10 bombs dropped on primary target with very good results.  
3 bombs dropped on tanks on road - one (1) tank destroyed by Capt. Anderson  
2 bombs dropped on bridge at St. Sauveur - missed 12/10
- G. Nil
- H. Capt. Anderson - cat. "A"  
Lt. Arps - cat. "A"
- I. Turu 4 - Nil
- M. 0854 --- 1033
- N. O. Nil
- P. Good
- Q. Tank on road at Verly - 1
- R. Verly 1034 -- heavy, moderate and accurate
- S. Nil

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297th Lighter Squadron B-2 Missions Report

4. 297th Lighter Squadron -- 1st. Mission -- July 2, 1944 -- Mission No. 1
5. 12
6. None
7. 12 -- 04.00 hours at La. in. (1-2, 2/3)
8. 24,000 lb. of bombs loaded (instantaneous fuse and tail fuses)  
24 bombs dropped on target  
Altitude at start of dive: 5000 feet  
Angle of dive: 45 degrees  
Altitude at release: 1000 feet
9. 4 bombs dropped slightly south of target  
20 bombs dropped directly on target  
There were 2 houses in target area--there was a direct hit on two houses;  
these two houses were in flames. The other 18 bombs were not hit  
in flames, but were probably escaped. There were probably 100 or more  
in the two houses that were hit in flames.
10. All
11. Three out. "A" - Fine
12. All
13. 0/10 cloud coverage; cumulus clouds, 5000 to 4000 feet. Visibility  
good below clouds. Scattered clouds over target at 4000 feet. There  
was a solid layer of clouds over target at 4000 feet.
14. 2012 --- 2217
15. All
16. Very good
17. About 20 tanks moving on road between Longby and Viro (107 107,  
and 144 144). They were seen at 2/12. These tanks were well cam-  
ouflaged with trees. These tanks were strafed--1. clouds
18. Light & heavy, moderate and accurate fire all around the target. Light,  
moderate and accurate fire in vicinity of 2770. Light, heavy, intense  
and accurate fire at 2100. There was very light tank, heavy fire here.  
Heavy, moderate and accurate fire in vicinity of 1700
19. All
20. Mission was very successful
21. No o/a German aircraft were reported.

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397th Fighter Squadron - 2nd Mission of A-24's - 12th July 1944

(Squadron Mission No. 121)

1. 397th Fighter Squadron - S.O. No. 1212 - July 12, 1944 - Mission No. 1
2. 12
3. Nil
4. 12 - railroad bridge over a strait, slightly west of Anouara at 1-0523. The designated ~~Algeria/1st~~ primary target was railroad stock east and west of Angora (1-0520), down to Ancenis (1-0524). The designated secondary target was a bridge at 1-0525. Neither of the designated targets was bombed, because of a solid overcast down to 5000 feet) - 1st 1003
5. 24,000 lb. of bombs loaded. 1 inst. nose fusing, 1/4 sec tail fusing, 2 1/2 bombs dropped on target. Altitude at start of dive: 10,000 ft. Angle of dive: 45 to 50 deg. Altitude at release: 1000 ft.
6. No direct hits on ~~bridge~~, all bombs struck very near the bridge and all hits were very near misses. The bomb damage on both sides of the bridge were hit and smoke was seen rising from both sides.
7. 1st 1003
8. Solid overcast down to 5000 ft.
9. 1700 - 1730
10. Nil
11. 1000 lbs. per sec., had for 1000 and 1000. Sweepstakes did not have such fuel.
12. 1st 1003, buildings were seen just off a section of a road near the target. This road section and excavations of this section are at 1-0524 and 1-0525. These buildings do constitute an excellent target. They are well camouflaged with the usual log devices used on German tracks. These buildings have shallow ramp roofs. The main positions were seen near the buildings and several trucks were seen very close to the buildings.
13. 1003, major fuel tank destroyed, and accurate sink just south of it at 1-0525.
14. Major derricks destroyed three, locomotives at the target at 1-0525, one south of the bridge and two north of the bridge. Lt. Capt. Brown destroyed one locomotive at 1-0525 and Lt. Potter destroyed one locomotive at the same place.
15. The strafing results were good.
16. No enemy aircraft bearing noted and no damage was noted.

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397th Ftr Sqdn 3-2 Rpt on a D/Bomb Mission of 16 July 1944 -- Sqdn Mission No. 124  
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- A -- 397th Ftr Sqdn -- Opns O No. Y21-54 -- 16 Jul 44 -- mission No. 124.  
B -- 12 -- no spares.  
C -- Nil  
D -- 12 -- Asgd tgt, RR Bridge at Nantes-Gassicourt, could not be attacked because it was covered by a solid overcast -- 8 planes attacked a RR Bridge at Mont Authou, Q8896. 4 planes attacked an installation which may have been a munitions or oil dump slightly SE of Volleville at Q7287 -- TOT: 1930 at Q8896 -- 1935 at Q7287.  
E -- 24 x 500 lb GP's loaded. (inst nose fus, 1/40 tail fus)  
20 on tgts, 13 on Q8896 and 7 on Q7287.  
1 dud dropped at Q0496 -- 1 bomb dropped about 10 mi NW of Q8896.  
2 bombs brought back to base.  
Alt at Start of Dive -- 9,000 ft  
Angle of Dive -- 60 deg.  
Alt at Release -- 2,500 ft  
F -- RR Bridge at Q8896 destroyed -- at least one direct hit -- smoke was seen. Installation at Q7287 was damaged -- there were at least three direct hits -- orange flames were seen -- this installation may have been a munitions or oil dump. It is a square with sides of about 100 yards. There is a sunken concrete hut at each corner. The interior is of cement construction. In the center of this square there is a smaller square with sides of about 50 yards.  
G -- Nil  
H -- 1 -- A -- Flak.  
I -- thru K -- Nil  
L -- Up to a line running SW from Nauen there is a 4/10 overcast. The solid overcast beyond this line and over Nantes - Gassicourt. Visib bad into the sun.  
M -- 1826 -- 2045.  
N & O -- Nil  
P -- Good.  
Q -- Nil  
R -- Hwy, mod, acc flak on an arc 15 mi SE of Caen with Caen as center.  
S -- Nil  
T -- Wea conditions prevented the bombing of asgd tgt. The bombing results on the selected tgts were ~~fairly~~ successful.

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397th Ftr Sqdn S-2 Apt on a D/Bomb mission of 17 July 1944 -- op'n mission No. 123

A -- 397th Ftr Sqdn -- Op'n O No. Y21-64 -- 17 Jul 44 -- Mission No. 123.  
B -- 12 -- no spares.  
C -- nil  
D -- 12 -- Armed recon area, U-1515 - 2015 - Argentan -- 1430.  
E -- 24 X 500-lb JP's (Inst nose, 1/40 tail) Loaded.  
4 on specific tgts -- 20 near misses -- none ret to base.  
Alt at Start of Dive -- 4 to 5,000 ft  
Angle of Dive -- 45 to 60 deg.  
Alt at Release -- 1,000 ft.  
F -- 2 direct hits by Maj HARRIS on med tanks, staff car, jeep and 15 soldiers at  
U-206020 -- 2 hits on KR jet just SW of Argentan -- 20 near misses on above tgts  
and bridge in reconnaissance area.  
G -- Nil  
H -- 2 in Oct 40, 1 by flak, 1 by bomb frags.  
2 in Oct 41 by bomb frags.  
I -- Nil  
J -- SW of Oct 40 -- FW190 -- 1435 - 1540 -- one (S/A carried belly tank -- was flying  
at 2,000 ft)  
Claims: 1 (1) S/A (FW190) destroyed by 1/40 nose bomb frags.  
K -- Nil  
L -- 5/13 -- scattered cumulus -- 2,000 to 5,500 ft -- good visib.  
M -- 1415 -- 1535.  
N -- & O -- Nil  
P -- Good  
Q -- None other than per F.  
R -- Hwy, med, acc flak at T-9344.  
S -- Lts ROBAL and BROWN destroyed 2 trucks at approx U-2008.  
T -- Nil.

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397th Ftr Sqdn 3-2 apt on a D/Bomb mission on 17 July 1944 -- Sqdn mission no. 126  
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A -- 397th Ftr Sqdn -- Opns O no. 126-3 -- 17 Jul 44 -- mission no. 126.  
B -- 11 -- no spares  
C -- Nil  
D -- 11 -- T-428686, T-427684, T-430687 -- 1810.  
E -- 22 X 500-lb 27" (Inst nose, 1/40 Tail) Loaded.  
22 on tgt. None jet -- none ret to base.  
F -- Col HANSEN's flight -- direct hits -- area T-430687.  
Capt ANDERSON's flight -- 2 houses destr in area T-428686 -- saw red smoke on tgt.  
Capt ANDERSON's flight -- destr 1 house and road to right T-427684 -- ~~1st 1st~~  
saw red smoke on tgt.  
G -- Thrux -- Nil  
H -- Haze up to 10,000 ft -- good visib.  
I -- 1748 -- 1747.  
J -- S O -- Nil  
K -- Good  
L -- None, other than smoke on tgts.  
M -- Hvy, med, inacc flak at T-3812.  
Hvy, med, inacc flak at T-4265.  
N -- None.  
O -- Nil.

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S U M M A R Y

397th Fighter Squadron S-2 (Squadron Mission No. 125)

- A. 397th Fighter Squadron -- S-2, 121st -- 1st Lt, 1st -- Mission No. 2
- B. Nil
- C. Nil
- D. 12 -- Railroad bridge at 1-200000 -- 1st Lt 1940
- E. 24,000 lb. of bombs loaded (Inst. nose fusing, 1/40 tail fusing, 17 bombs dropped on target, 1 bomb dropped on a bridge at 1-200000, 2 bombs dropped in the vicinity of 1-200000, 1 bomb dropped unexploded in the vicinity of 1-200000. Alt. at start of dive: 10,000 ft. Alt. at release: 7,000 ft.
- F. There were four direct hits on the west side of the bridge. There were six direct hits elsewhere. There was a cluster of hits on the southeast side of the bridge, either on the target or very close to the target. Some hits may have been a little short. The bridge was severely damaged--explosions were seen-- dust and flak smoke were seen around the target. It is the opinion of the sq. leader that a bridge of this type cannot be damaged out with 500 lb. bombs.
- G. Nil
- H. 2-000000--flak
- I. 1-000000--flak
- J. Poor weather -- 3/10 of visibility at base -- 10/10 cloud density between base and target -- 7/10 cloud density over target -- several strato-cumulus clouds -- from 7000 ft. to 10,000 ft. in several layers -- poor visibility
- K. 1:00 -- 1:20
- L. Nil
- M. Good
- N. Nil
- O. Heavy, meager, accurate flak from the vicinity of 1-200000 to target. Light, (40 mm.), intense, accurate flak at target. Heavy, meager, accurate flak in the vicinity of base, 1-200000. Heavy, meager, accurate flak at 1-200000
- P. Nil
- Q. This mission was fairly successful.

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277th Ftr Sqdn -- 2 lgt on an armed mission to D/South Mission of 21 July 1944 -- mission #130.  
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- A -- 277th Ftr Sqdn -- 3rd Lt. (21-22) -- 24 Jul 44 -- mission no. 130.  
 B -- 12.  
 C -- Nil.  
 D -- 12 -- road bridge at Coutances at 11:00 -- 1944.  
 E -- 24 x 500-lb ar's loaded (last nose fus -- 1/20 tail emp.  
 24 on tgt.  
 Alt at start of dive -- 4,500 ft.  
 Angle of dive -- 45 deg.  
 Alt at release -- 1,000 ft.  
 F -- ~~Target not hit~~ The approaches to the bridge were well hit. There were many hits at both ends of the bridge. There were two direct hits. Not much damage was observed.  
 G -- Nil.  
 H -- One -- Cat "A" -- fl ak.  
 I -- 3 J -- Nil.  
 J -- A burning object was observed at 10745 about 100 yds off shore -- observation was made at 1445 -- this object may have been an A/C, or it may have been a surface craft. That it was possibly an A/C was inferred from the fact that a P-47 was seen circling above it.  
 K -- 5/10 cloud density -- strato cumulus clouds -- 4,000 ft to 4,500 ft -- 1 to 2 mi.  
 L -- 1420 -- ~~1445~~ 1534.  
 M -- 3 C -- Nil.  
 N -- Good.  
 O -- Nil.  
 P -- Alderney (2 deg, 11 min N, 4 deg, 45 min W) -- hvy, int (at least 20 guns), and acc flak.  
 Four to 5 mi N of Coutances, at 1207 -- lgt, med, inacc flak.  
 Q -- Nil.  
 R -- 24rd alternate tgt was not bombed because of an overcast.

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32714 P/B HLR 3240001 2-2 report of A 207th, B-24 mission # 24 July 1944

(Squadron mission No. 151)

- A. 207th Fighter Squadron -- A. J. # 121-8 -- July 24, 1944 -- mission # 2
- B. 12
- C. Nil
- D. ~~12~~ 12 -- escort B-24 to dump ammunition at river -- 1210
- E. Bomber escort
- F. haze obscured some - but one big fire at target was observed.
- G. thru I. Nil
- H. haze up to 6000 -- good visibility above 5000 feet, poor below
- I. 1215 -- 1215
- J. as briefed -- ~~12~~ 1210 -- 12000
- K. none
- L. none due to haze
- M. 12000 - heavy, meager and inaccurate
- N. south of east on the river - heavy, intense and accurate
- O. Nil

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327th Fighter Squadron 1-2 report of a Dive bombing mission -- 22 July 1944

(Squadron Mission No. 132)

- A. 327th Fighter Squadron -- 9.7. 261-9 -- July 22, 1944 -- Mission No. 1
  - B. 12
  - C. 1
  - D. 10 -- 20 tank cars at 6-3903 (Sagra) -- 125.
  - E. 2-1000 lb. bombs loaded (inst. nose fusing-1/4. tail fusing-1/2)  
20 bombs dropped on target  
4 bombs positioned uncharged at 1-3.4,  
alt. at start of dive: 7000 ft.  
angle of dive: 90 to 50 deg.  
alt. at release: 1000 ft.
  - F. Areas direct hits on train. Train directly hit by twelve and six cars  
from the front end. Other hits were near middle. After our pilots had  
bombed the train, they strafed it. The train was severely damaged but  
it was not totally destroyed. It was left burning in two places. ~~There~~ There  
did not seem to be any ammunition in the train. The metal cars were  
not ordinary box cars, but were constructed of iron. Freshly cut trees  
were noted on the tops of the cars.
  - G. 11
  - H. One (1) cat. "A" -- flak  
One (1) cat. "B" -- flak
  - I. 11
  - J. One (1) plane was hit by flak in the vicinity of 1-704. It was hit at  
1200. It was reported to strip A12 (1-703) by another plane. It landed  
at that strip. The other plane returned to base and landed early.
  - K. 10/10 cloud height -- stratus clouds -- 10,000 ft. -- good visibility--  
0 to 10 miles. Generally dark and smog
  - L. 1211 -- 100
  - M. 0
  - N. 11
  - O. 11
  - P. 11
  - Q. 11
  - R. 11
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  - X. 11
  - Y. 11
  - Z. 11
1. Mission was fairly successful.

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397th FIGHTER SQUADRON B-2 REPORT ON A DIVE BOMBING MISSION - July 26, 1944  
(Squadron Mission 134)

- A. 397th Fighter Squadron -- J. 4721-2 (white flight) -- 7/26/44 -- Mission 1
- B. Four (4)
- C. Nil
- D. Four (4) -- 1454013 -- 1956
- E. 8400 Inst. nose - 1/40 tail  
Dropped on target: exact  
Alt. at start of dive: 4000  
Angle of dive: 30  
Alt. at release: 1500
- F. Dropped eight bombs at 1454013-south of St. Eiler, on seven tanks  
(damage only). (Dive tail end at St. Eiler)
- G. Turn R Nil
- H. 5/10 -- 4000 -- good vis.
- I. 1935 -- 1701
- J. Good
- K. One flak hit but saw none
- L. 1454013 - 1 tank - damaged

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597th Fighter Squadron - 3-2 Report of a Night Bomber Mission - 25 July 1944  
(Squadron Mission No. 155)

- A. 597th Fighter Squadron - 3-2 (White flight) - July 21, '44 - Mission 5
- B. Three (3)
- C. Nil
- D. Time: 182)
- E. 62500 lb. GP bombs (Inst. nose - 1/40 tail)  
Dropped on target: 3  
Alt. at start of dive: 4000  
Angle of dive: 30 deg.  
Alt. at release: 1500
- F. Lt. Brown bombed crossroad at 24400 - houses  
Lt Carlson bombed tanks at 45000 - was burning  
Lt Preston: 30000 tank-not hit
- G. thru J. Nil
- K. One P-47 pilot bailed - 45000
- L. 3/10 5/10 -- 5-4000 ft. -- good vis.
- M. 1722 -- 1844
- N. Good
- O. 45000 - 47000 -- Light, moderate and accurate
- S. Lt Carlson strafed scout car and aa battery - 30000

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597th Fighter Squadron - S.O. 121-5 (Blue Flight) - July 21, 1948 - Mission  
1322 - 1328, 1344.  
(Quadrant: Mission 3, 134)

- A. 597th Fighter Squadron - S.O. 121-5 (Blue Flight) - July 21, 1948 - Mission
- B. Four
- C. Nil
- D. Four - road intersection at 1-44450 (road intersection at 1-44445);  
Woods at 1-44450; road intersection at 1-44540 - TD 100
- E. Eight 2,000 lbs of bombs loaded (inst. none fusing - 1/3 tail fusing)  
Sight bombs dropped on target  
Alt. at start of dive: 4000 ft.  
Angle of dive: 4, 10  
alt. at release: 1,500 ft.
- F. Notain noteworthy seen at targets
- G. Nil
- H. One - cat. 132 - 134
- I. J. Nil
- K. 1321. Bombs labeled cat. 132. A plane was seen to land at 1-44252.  
by pilot 1321 cat.
- L. 1/10 cloud ceiling - some cumulus clouds - 5000 ft. - excellent vis.
- M. 1322 - 134
- N. Nil
- O. Good  
Two (2) towns destroyed by bombs at 1-44004. Many cars with red  
crosses seen at: 1 road between 1-44000 and 1-44004; 2 - road between  
1-44000 and 1-44004; 3 - road between 1-44000 and 1-44004. Hospital  
seen at 1-44004. Much burning and bombing at nearby, although our tanks  
and trucks are in a close vicinity of the town or come thru it. Many  
American cars seen at 1-44000. St. James burning.
- P. Light, haze, obscured 1/4 of Flak in the Bois de Boulogne in the vicinity of  
1-44000
- Q. Nil
- R. Notain noteworthy seen at targets.

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2711 1000-2, 1000-3, 1000-4, 1000-5, 1000-6, 1000-7, 1000-8, 1000-9, 1000-10, 1000-11, 1000-12, 1000-13, 1000-14, 1000-15, 1000-16, 1000-17, 1000-18, 1000-19, 1000-20, 1000-21, 1000-22, 1000-23, 1000-24, 1000-25, 1000-26, 1000-27, 1000-28, 1000-29, 1000-30, 1000-31, 1000-32, 1000-33, 1000-34, 1000-35, 1000-36, 1000-37, 1000-38, 1000-39, 1000-40, 1000-41, 1000-42, 1000-43, 1000-44, 1000-45, 1000-46, 1000-47, 1000-48, 1000-49, 1000-50, 1000-51, 1000-52, 1000-53, 1000-54, 1000-55, 1000-56, 1000-57, 1000-58, 1000-59, 1000-60, 1000-61, 1000-62, 1000-63, 1000-64, 1000-65, 1000-66, 1000-67, 1000-68, 1000-69, 1000-70, 1000-71, 1000-72, 1000-73, 1000-74, 1000-75, 1000-76, 1000-77, 1000-78, 1000-79, 1000-80, 1000-81, 1000-82, 1000-83, 1000-84, 1000-85, 1000-86, 1000-87, 1000-88, 1000-89, 1000-90, 1000-91, 1000-92, 1000-93, 1000-94, 1000-95, 1000-96, 1000-97, 1000-98, 1000-99, 1000-100  
Squadron Mission No. 130

- A. 397th Fighter Squadron, -- 1000-10 -- July 20, 1944 -- Mission No. 130
- B. Four (4) P-51's
- C. Nil
- D. Four -- Alt: 1000
- E. 3000 -- Inst-1/10  
Dropped on target: 3  
Alt. at start of dive: 3000  
Angle of dive: 30 deg.  
Alt. at release: 1000
- F. Twelve ambulances on main highway. at junction, 1000-10, 1000-11 and 1000-12  
also knocked road out at 1000-13, 1000-14, 1000-15, 1000-16, 1000-17, 1000-18, 1000-19, 1000-20, 1000-21, 1000-22, 1000-23, 1000-24, 1000-25, 1000-26, 1000-27, 1000-28, 1000-29, 1000-30, 1000-31, 1000-32, 1000-33, 1000-34, 1000-35, 1000-36, 1000-37, 1000-38, 1000-39, 1000-40, 1000-41, 1000-42, 1000-43, 1000-44, 1000-45, 1000-46, 1000-47, 1000-48, 1000-49, 1000-50, 1000-51, 1000-52, 1000-53, 1000-54, 1000-55, 1000-56, 1000-57, 1000-58, 1000-59, 1000-60, 1000-61, 1000-62, 1000-63, 1000-64, 1000-65, 1000-66, 1000-67, 1000-68, 1000-69, 1000-70, 1000-71, 1000-72, 1000-73, 1000-74, 1000-75, 1000-76, 1000-77, 1000-78, 1000-79, 1000-80, 1000-81, 1000-82, 1000-83, 1000-84, 1000-85, 1000-86, 1000-87, 1000-88, 1000-89, 1000-90, 1000-91, 1000-92, 1000-93, 1000-94, 1000-95, 1000-96, 1000-97, 1000-98, 1000-99, 1000-100
- G. Nil
- H. 1 "A" -- at 1000
- I. 1 "A" -- Nil
- J. 4/10 -- 1000 ft. -- good vis.
- K. 1000 -- 2000
- L. Good
- M. -- 1000 friendly territory -- 10, 100, moderate and accurate
- N. 1-40001 -- Light enemy, intense and accurate
- O. 1000 and 1000 at 1-40001 -- scout car destroyed

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(Source: Mission 10. 1111)

- A. 37th Fighter Squadron - 11111111 - July 10, 1944 - Mission No. 1  
(Suite 111111)
- B. Four
- C. 111
- D. Four - words and tasks - 1111
- E. 50,00 lb. of fuel. nose-1/2 tail.  
Alt. at start of mission: 2000  
angle of dive: 30 deg.  
alt. at release: 1500 ft.
- F. 11111111 - tanks on fuel way to damage
- G. Capt. Anderson was in at 11111111
- H. Captain John L. Anderson - 1111
- I. Captain Anderson
- J. 11111111 - 11111111 - 11111111 - 11111111
- K. 2121 - 11111111
- L. 11111111 - 11111111, 11111111 and 11111111
- M. 11111111 - 11111111, 11111111 and 11111111
- N. 11111111 - 11111111, 11111111 and 11111111.

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27. 1st Fighter Squadron -- 1st Lt. G. B. Smith (Pilot) -- 1st Lt. G. B. Smith (Observer) -- 1st Lt. G. B. Smith (Tail Gunner) -- 1st Lt. G. B. Smith (Radio Operator) -- 1st Lt. G. B. Smith (Engineer) -- 1st Lt. G. B. Smith (Crew Chief) -- 1st Lt. G. B. Smith (Maintenance) -- 1st Lt. G. B. Smith (Supply) -- 1st Lt. G. B. Smith (Medical) -- 1st Lt. G. B. Smith (Transport) -- 1st Lt. G. B. Smith (Security) -- 1st Lt. G. B. Smith (Intelligence) -- 1st Lt. G. B. Smith (Public Affairs) -- 1st Lt. G. B. Smith (Personnel) -- 1st Lt. G. B. Smith (Legal) -- 1st Lt. G. B. Smith (Chaplain) -- 1st Lt. G. B. Smith (Other) -- 1st Lt. G. B. Smith (Unassigned)

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2. Four (4) -- 1st Lt. G. B. Smith
3. 1st Fighter Squadron (Dist. base - 1/40 tail)  
Alt. at start of run: 4000 ft.  
Alt. at release: 3000 ft.  
Alt. at release: 1000 ft.
4. 1st Fighter Squadron (Dist. base - 1/40 tail) -- one aircraft hit -- damaged  
1st Fighter Squadron (Dist. base - 1/40 tail) -- tank damaged
5. 1st Fighter Squadron
6. 1/10 -- 1st Lt. G. B. Smith
7. 1st Lt. G. B. Smith
8. 1st Fighter Squadron (Dist. base - 1/40 tail)
9. 1st Fighter Squadron (Dist. base - 1/40 tail) -- 1st Lt. G. B. Smith
10. 1st Fighter Squadron (Dist. base - 1/40 tail)

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37th Fighter Squadron-- 37th Fighter Squadron-- 37th Fighter Squadron--  
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(Squadron Mission No. 141)

- A. 37th Fighter Squadron-- 37th Fighter Squadron-- 37th Fighter Squadron--
- B. Four (4)
- C. Nil
- D. four -- tanks and several armored cars in the vicinity of 1-37742 --  
1-37742
- E. 5000 lb. of bombs loaded (inst. nose fuze, -1/40 tail fuze)  
7 bombs dropped on target  
1 bomb gotisoned south of bomb site  
Alt. at start of dive: 4000 ft.  
Angle of dive: 45 deg.  
Alt. at release: 1000 ft.
- F. Good -- near clouds in two tanks  
A thru K Nil
- L. 3/13 coverage over target -- strato cumulus clouds at 1500 to 2000 ft.  
3 to 5/10 coverage in miles west of the target -- strato cumulus clouds  
at 4000 to 5000 ft. A layer of solid overcast (stratus clouds) at 5000  
ft. toward the east. Excellent vis.
- M. 3747 -- 3.51
- N. 3747 -- Nil
- O. Good
- P. Many American vehicles were seen on roads in the vicinity of Janisy.  
Many of them seemed to be stopped by artillery fire in woods in the  
vicinity of 1-42742.
- Q. Light, moderate in. scarate ~~flak~~ flak in woods at 1-400742 and in woods  
at 1-41742.
- R. One (1) truck, probably an infantry car i.e., destroyed at target (1-37742).
- T. Mission was fairly successful

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57th Fighter Squadron - 3rd Air Force - 1st Air Division - 1st Air Force - 1st Air Force  
 Mission #22 July 27, 1944  
 (Squadron Mission No. 141)

1. 57th Fighter Squadron -- O. G. 21-1 - (Squadron Mission No. 141) - July 27, 1944  
 Mission No. 2
2. Four
3. All
4. Four -- 2 tanks at I-41, 25 km (15 mi) from Paris on N 100 road and three vehicles on a road in the vicinity of I-41, 25 km (15 mi) from Paris.
5. 300 lb bombs (Inst. nose fuzing - 1/40 ball time).  
 3 bombs dropped on target  
 Alt. at start of drop 10,000 ft.  
 Angle of dive 75 deg.  
 Alt. at release 10,000 ft.
6. Two bombs were aimed at a tank at I-41, 25 km (15 mi) from Paris. The bombs were aimed at four tanks and three vehicles on road in the vicinity of I-41, 25 km (15 mi) from Paris. No damage or destruction reported.
7. Four
8. Over target: 1/10 cloud density -- clouds blown -- base 10,000 ft., Alt. 10,000 ft. There were several light clouds, but in the vicinity of the target there were no clouds. There were some light clouds of 1/10 density. There was a some contact at 10,000 ft. There was no contact -- good
9. 110 -- 121.
10. 110 -- 121.
11. Good
12. 12 tanks observed just east of the Bois de Boulogne in the vicinity of I-41, 25 km (15 mi) from Paris. Tanks were observed along the west side of Bois de Boulogne and on adjacent roads. All tank above mentioned tanks were German. American tanks were observed just southeast of Boulogne on the road to be patrolled. Scattered German vehicles, mostly scout cars, were observed traveling singly on roads west of Bois de Boulogne.
13. Light, moderate, accurate flak at I-41, 25 km (15 mi) from Paris.
14. There was some strafing of the targets behind. There was no strafing.
15. Mission was flown according to plan.

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2971-12-1-2 (Operation Mission No. 19)

1. 2971-12-1-2 (Side Flight) - July 27, 1944 - Mission 5
2. Four
3. 41
4. Four - time at 1-30 - 1210
5. 6,000 lb. fuel (inst. - 1/2 fuel)
6. Dropped on target at 1200
7. Alt. at start of dive: 2,000
8. Angle of dive: 45 deg.
9. Alt. at release: 1,500
10. Sights at three times in area of 1-30 - no success, but target indicated
11. 1-4-12-1-2 (12) - one (1) - no success, but target indicated
12. Alt. at release: 1,500
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49. Alt. at release: 1,500
50. Alt. at release: 1,500

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377th Fighter Squadron -- J.O. 121-31 (Capt. Sabers) July 27, 1944  
(Squadron Mission No. 24)

- a. 377th Fighter Squadron -- J.O. 121-31 (Capt. Sabers) July 27, 1944 -- Mission 4
- b. Four
- c. None
- d. Four -- 1944
- e. 8,000 lb. load - 1/40 tail fining  
Dropped on target at 8,000  
Alt. at start of dive: 8,000  
Angle of dive: 45 deg.  
Alt. at release: 10,000
- f. Four bombs on 2 tanks at 10,000 ft -- tanks probably destroyed  
Four bombs on ground at 10,000 ft -- 10,000 ft. direction  
Alt. bomb 10,000 ft. tail end of 10,000 ft
- g. Four
- h. Bombs on 2 tanks at 10,000 ft -- tanks probably destroyed  
Four bombs on ground at 10,000 ft -- 10,000 ft. direction  
Alt. bomb 10,000 ft. tail end of 10,000 ft
- i. Bombs on 2 tanks at 10,000 ft -- tanks probably destroyed  
Four bombs on ground at 10,000 ft -- 10,000 ft. direction  
Alt. bomb 10,000 ft. tail end of 10,000 ft
- j. Bombs on 2 tanks at 10,000 ft -- tanks probably destroyed  
Four bombs on ground at 10,000 ft -- 10,000 ft. direction  
Alt. bomb 10,000 ft. tail end of 10,000 ft

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507th Fighter Squadron S-2 Mustangs 1st Div. HAFB, AB, Missions \*\* July 27, 1944  
(Squadron Mission No. 147)

- A. 507th Fighter Squadron .. S.O. 121-51 (Capt. Louges's lead flight)-mission 7  
July 27, 1944.
- B. Four
- C. None
- D. Four ... 1500
- E. 23500 at inst. nose .... 1/43 tail  
Dropped on target: 3 x 500  
Alt. at start of dive: 3000  
Angle of dive: 55  
Alt. at release: 2000
- F. Three bombs on tanks on road at I-383215 - destroyed, two tanks  
Two bombs on one tank at I-41310 - destroyed  
Two bombs at vehicles at I-37225 - damaged  
One bomb - near miss on tank and truck at I-37000 - damaged
- G thru S Nil
- L. Overcast with breaks at 2000 ft. Vis: good
- M. 141 ... 1537
- N. Good
- O. 20 vehicles at I-37122 and I-379622.. west and south on all roads.  
40 to 50 vehicles in this area - called cutback and reported by nil.
- P. None
- Q. Half tracks and scout cars - destroyed eleven
- T. Mission very good with excellent results

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397th Fighter Squadron S-2 REPAIR Co. 8th DIV. 8th AF. Mission #148 July 27, 1944  
(Squadron Mission No. 148)

- A. 397th Fighter Squadron .. C.O. [21-91 (Capt. Hendricks' white flight) ---  
July 27, 1944 ..... mission no. 8
- B. Four
- C. Nil
- D. Four --- Four Tiger tanks at T-387513 .... Time: 15.00
- E. 8X500 GP inst. 1/40 tail fusing  
Bombs dropped on target: 8X500 lb.  
Alt. at start of dive: 4000 ft.  
Angle of dive: 45 deg.  
Alt. at release: 1000
- F. T-387513 - 8 bombs on four tiger tanks - at least 2 damaged or destroyed
- G thru I Nil
- L. Scattered, 2/10 -- 1.00 to 4.00 --- vis. good
- M. 1351 --- 1325
- P. Good
- .. In an area whose four corners are T-370000, T-400000, T-370000 and T-400000  
there is much enemy tank activity and a tank battle. In an area whose  
five corners are T-369001, T-375437, T-421491, T-420,10 and T-406025 there  
are a dozen tanks and numerous troop carrier vehicles.
- N. Nil
- O. Ten half track personnel carriers were destroyed by strafing in the first  
area mentioned in ..

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597th Fighter Squadron S-2 Report on a Dive Bombing Mission \*\*\* July 27, 1944  
(Squadron Mission No. 142) / 47

- A. 597th Fighter Squadron ... S.O. Y21-51 (Capt. Gibson's Blue Flight)  
July 27, 1944 ... mission No. 9
- B. Four
- C. One -- Capt. ~~Aspy~~ Gibson -- radio went out
- D. Three -- four Tiger tanks at T-390550 (3 on a rd. and one on a lane leading to the rd); a cross rd. slightly s.w. of T-390550 -- TWT 1830
- E. Eight X 500 lb. GP bombs loaded (inst. nose fusing - 1/40 tail fusing)  
Six bombs dropped on targets  
Two bombs jettisoned safe in marsh area near base. One bomb exploded.  
Alt. at start of dive: 1200 ft.  
Angle of dive: 50 deg.  
Alt at release: 500 ft.
- F. Four bombs dropped at T-390550. One tank was severely damaged. The three other tanks were not damaged. Two bombs were dropped at cr. mentioned above.
- G thru J Nil
- K. Lt. Bork's parachute seen at T-395552. Lt. Bork bailed out earlier today. Parachute was pointed out to "Murphy" and "Murphy" was asked to investigate. "Murphy" said that he would.
- L. 10/10 -- cumulus clouds -- 1500 to 1500 ft. -- good vis.
- M. 1754 -- 1905
- N & O Nil
- P. Good, except for plans which aborted
- Q. Ten or twelve vehicles were seen at T-404557. A few vehicles and trucks were seen in the vicinity of T-397555. Vehicles were seen on rds. in the vicinity of T-390548. Many vehicles were seen knocked out in the vicinity of T-375542. Much German equipment was seen in the mission area.
- R. Light, meager, inaccurate flak in target area.
- S. A German cart destroyed at T-375591. Two Tiger Tanks destroyed at T-380520. Vehicles strafed at T-404557 -- two destroyed.

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- H. One plane ~~Aspy~~ damaged bomb rack by colliding with rock bank in an effort to point out a bombing target to another plane. The target was a tank in a sort of gully..... Damage est. "N".

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597th Fighter Squadron - 2nd Group of a Bldg. Destroyer Squadron \*\* July 27, 1944  
(Squadron Mission No. 10)

- A. 397th Fighter Squadron - O.C. 121-01 (Lt. Col. Macleer's lead flight)  
July 27, 1944 - Mission No. 10
- B. Four
- C. Nil
- D. Four - T-42504; 2 tanks and 2 trucks at T38009; 2 tanks and a bldg. at T-38749; 3 armored vehicles at T-30049 - Tot 1920
- E. 8X500 lb. GP bombs loaded (inst. nose fusing-1/40 tail fusing)  
8 bombs dropped on targets, (2 on each target mentioned above)  
Alt. at start of dive: 1800 ft.  
Angle of dive: ~~30~~ 30 deg.  
Alt. at release: 800 to 1000 ft.
- F. No results at T-42504. Two trucks destroyed, one tank destroyed, and one tank damaged at T-30009. One tank destroyed, one tank probably destroyed and one bldg. set on fire at T-38749. No results at T-30049
- G. Nil
- H. One (1) cat. "AC" and one (1) cat. "A" - by flak
- I thru K Nil
- L. 8/10 - Strato cumulus - 1500 to 1800 - vis: good
- M. 1806 - 2000
- N. Good
- O. Much German equipment and many German troops seen retreating south west. Many French refugees seen moving in the same direction. Half tracks seen in the vicinity of T-38009.
- P. Battle damage was caused by flak, but flak locations could not be given
- Q. One truck dest. at T-40106. One truck dest at T-34742. One track dest at T-42501.

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527th Fighter Squadron -- July 27, 1944 (quadron mission No. 11)

- A. 527th Fighter Squadron -- July 27, 1944 (Capt. Boujee's white flight)  
B. Four  
C. All  
D. Four -- a vehicle ~~is~~ towing a long gun (perhaps an '88) at T-53100;  
a town at T-37000 where "Murphy" had reported artillery fire-- 101 194;  
E. Light A 500 lb. GP bombs loaded (inst. nose fusing-1/40 tail)  
8 bombs dropped on target  
Alt. at start of dive: 4000 ft.  
Angle of dive: 30 deg.  
Alt. at release: 3000 ft.  
F. 2 bombs dropped at T-53100 -- near missed. Six bombs dropped at T-37000,  
-- Dabbin, was good, and all bombs went into the town; but there were no  
visual observations of results here.
- G. Target Hill  
H. 2/10 strato cumulus clouds at 1000 ft. -- 1/10 cumulus cirrus at 5000 ft.  
High cirrus clouds. Good vis.  
I. 1944 -- 2106  
J. All  
K. Good  
L. "Barry" reported resistance at Villebaudon (T-40461). Our planes went  
there, but saw no tanks there. In the area south of Coutances, there  
was much traffic moving south and southwest on the roads. There were  
also many French refugees on the roads moving s. and s.w. On the roads  
north of Coutances there were many vehicles, mostly light (no heavy  
tanks), moving south. Many tanks which had been boxed earlier in the  
day had been bypassed by our troops. This indicated that these tanks  
had probably been or severely damaged.  
M. Light, moderate, accurate flak s. n. of Coutances.  
N. Heavy, intense, inaccurate flak about 20 miles s.e. of St. Lo.  
O. Gun at T-53100 which had been missed in bombing was strafed and des-  
troyed. Three vehicles were destroyed at T-24100. 2 trucks were des-  
troyed at T-53000. One gun position was destroyed at T-20000.

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397th FIGHTER SQUADRON -- 2ND TFW 4th A DIV. BOMBING MISSION \*\*\* July 27, 1944  
(Squadron mission No. 152)

- A. 397th Fighter Squadron -- U.S. F 21-51 (Maj. Hendrick's Blue Flight)  
July 27, 1944 -- mission No. 12
- B. Four
- C. Nil
- D. Four -- A Mark IV tank at T-348485; a Mark IV tank at T-46485; a Mark IV tank at T-341471; a Mark IV tank at T-342434. -- 10% 211)
- E. 8x500 lb. GP bombs loaded (inat. nose fusing -1/40 tail fusing).  
8 bombs dropped on target  
Alt. at start of dive: 4000 ft.  
Angle of dive: 4 deg.  
Alt. at release: 1000 ft.
- F. 2 bombs dropped at each of the above targets. Bombings on first 3 targets were near misses. Fourth target was destroyed.
- G thru K. Nil
- L. Poor weather, stratus clouds with base at 800 to 1000 ft. and top at 3000 ft. Overcast at 6000 ft. Vis. good, but limited locally by smoke.
- M. 2040 -- 2155
- N & O. Nil
- P. Good
- Q. 5 Tiger tanks parked nose to tail at T-358491. Six tanks on road in vicinity of T-357493 moving S.W. One tank at T-342468.
- R. Nil
- S. One truck destroyed at T-345456; one tank destroyed ~~at T-345456~~ and one half track damaged at T-357493.

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327th Fighter Squadron - 1st Lt. W. A. Smith - Mission #1 - 20 July 1944  
(Squadron Mission) No. 100

- A. 327th Fighter Squadron - 1st Lt. W. A. Smith - July 20, 1944 - Mission 1
- B. 12
- C. Nil
- D. 12 - 12:00 report to 1st Lt. Smith at base (air base) - 1-20
- E. Could not observe any bombing.
- F. thru H. Nil
- I. Solid overcast --- 10000 --- good below, excellent above
- J. 1500 --- 1500
- K. On route --- on time --- 1500 ft.
- L. Good
- M. None
- N. None
- O. None

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