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PILOT'S COMBAT REPORT - FIRST LIEUTSNAWT ROY D. CARLSON, ASK: 0-678880

A -- Type of Action ----- COMBAT. B -- Date ----- 8 OCTO BOR 1944. C -- Unit ----- 397TH FIGHTER SQUADRON - 368TH FIGHTER CROUP. D -- Time of Attack ----- 1620. E -- Place of Attack ----- EREITSCHEID AIRFIELD (G-3132). F -- Weather -------- GOOD WEATHER - GOOD VISIBILITY.

G -- Type of Target ------- ONE (1) ME-109 ON THE GROUND.

H -- Claims ----------- ONE (1) ME-109 DESTROYED ON THE GROUND.

I -- I, First Lieutenant ROY D. CARLSON, 0-678830, was leading Tropic Squadron on a fighter sweep mission on the afternoon of 6 October 1944. After Major THOMAS J. CARBINE, 0-392748, and I had destroyed an ME-109 in the air in the area of Breitzcheid Airfield (G-3132), we headed for the airfield in order to strafe. It was then shortly before 1620. Serum Squadron had already begun to strafe when I arrived at the field. There were then about ten planes burning. I selected as a target a camouflaged ME-109 parked on the southeastern corner of the field. I made my first pass from west to east. I flew ever very low, bounced through the smoke, and came down on the E/A. I gave it one long burst, and it immediately flared up and began to burn.

I claim the destruction of one ME-109 on the ground.

Roy D. Carline ROY D. CARLSON. 1st Lt, Air Corps, Pilot, 397th F Sq.

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SUPPORTING STATEMENT OF MAJOR THOMAS J. CARBINE, ASH 0-392748, FOR COMBAT REPORT OF FIRST LIEUTENANT ROY D. CARLSON, ASH 0-678830

- A. Type of Action : Combat
- B. Date : 6 October 1944
- 0. Unit: : 597th Fighter Squadron 568th Fighter Group
- D. Time of Attack: 1620
- E. Place of Attack: Breitscheid Airfield (G-5132)
- F. Weather : Good weather good visibility
- G. Type of Target : One (1) ME-109 on the ground
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ground

I. Account of Combat:

I, Major Thomas J. Carbine, ASN 0-592748, was flying on a fighter sweep mission on the afternoon of 6 October 1944. I was flying the wing of 1st Lt. Roy D. Carlson, ASN 0-678830, leader of Tropic Squadron of Bank-note Group. After Lt. Carlson and I had destroyed an ME-109 in the air in the area of Breitscheid Airfield (G-5132), we headed for the airfield in order to strafe. It was then shortly before 1620. Serum Squadron had already begun to strafe when we arrived at the airfield, and about ten planes were burning. I did not fire on our first pass, which was made from west to east. Lt. Carlson chose as his target a camouflaged ME-109 standing on the southeastern corner of the field. He flew over at a very low altitude, came down on the E/A, and fired one long burst at it. It immediately burst into flames and began to burn.

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Pilot, 397th Fite. Sq.

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COMBAT REPORT (CONTINUED) *** SECOND LEUTEMANT FREDERICK C. STOLL, Jr., ASN 0-815417

parachute opened, and I last saw him floating down at about 200 feet. At this time, my own plane was hit by ground fire. The two F=38°s went after this E/A, but pulled up shortly afterward. I last saw the FW-190 at K-8455, a point which was on our side of the bomb line on 21 October 1944. This was also where Lt. Murphy bailed out. After I returned to base, it was discovered that there was one .50 calibre bullet in the nose of my plane. It is therefore to be presumed that both Lt. Murphy and I were hit by friendly flak.

I claim participation in the probable destruction of one (1) FW-190 in the air. Lt. Eurphy shares in this claim.

Mederick C. Stoll h MEDERION C. STOLL, S. 2nd Lt., Air Corps,

Pilot, 397th Fitr. Sq.

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PILOT'S COMBAT REPORT - MAJOR THOMAS J. CARBINE, ASN 0-592748:

I -- I, Major THOMAS J. CARBINE, 0-392748, was flying on a fighter sweep mission on the afternoon of 6 October 1944. I was flying the wing of First Lieutenant ROY D. CARLSON, 0-678830, leader of Tropic Squadron of Banknote Group. Chortly before 1615, when we were in the area of Breitscheid Airfield (G-3132), we observed two ME-109's flying due east just south of the field. I followed Lieutenant CARLSON down. As we descended, I also picked up our prospective target, the rear ME-109. Lieutenant CARLSON lost altitude and at the same time skillfully maintained his advantageous position relatively to the rear E/A --- above, astern, and up-sun. As Lieutenent CARLSON fired on the ME-109 from dead estern, I observed strikes on the right side of the fuselage above the wing root. The E/A turned left and crossed in front of me. As it did so, I noticed that it was smoking. At the same time, I recognized that Lieutenant CARL-SON was not going to be in a position to fire on this E/A during the next few moments. I closed on the E/A and began to fire. I was then approximately 45 degrees from the stern. I observed no strikes. As I closed to the stern, I fired again, this time from approximately 15 or 20 degrees. I observed hits around the right wing root. The E/A made a quick flip turn to the left and attempted a crash landing in a ploughed field. He seemed to overshoot, for he landed far down the field headed into rough ground. First Lieutenant JOHN P. FOLTZ, 0-745337, saw the sirplane break up on the ground. I then joined Lieutenant CARLSON, and we headed for the enemy airfield in order to strafe.

I claim participation in the destruction of one ME-109 in the air. Lieutenant CARLSON shares in the destruction of this E/A.

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THOMAS J. CARBINE, Major, Air Corps, Pilot, 397th F Sq.

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STATEMENT BY FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN P. FOLTZ, O-745337, SUPPORTING THE CLAIM OF MAJOR THOMAS J. CARBINE, O-392748, AND FIRST LIEUTENANT ROY D. CARLSON, O-678830, OF ONE ME-LO9 DESTROYED IN THE AIR:

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B C E F	Place of Attack	6 OCTOBER 1944. 368TH FIGHTER GROUP - 397TH FIGHTER SAUADRON.
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I -- I, First Lieutenant JOHN P. FOLTZ, 0-745337, was leading Tropic Yellow Flight on a fighter sweep mission on the afternoon of 6 October 1944. After we had been vectored for approximately an hour in the vicinity of Cologne, we were sent due east to investigate bogies. When we arrived in the area of G-3132, the leader of Banknote Group reported a small airfield below. It was then shortly before 1615. We started to orbit the field; and as we did so, we noticed an ME-109 landing and another about to take off. At the same time, we noticed two ME-109's flying due east just south of the field. First Lieutenant ROY D. CARLSON, 0-678830, leader of Tropic Squadron, went down in pursuit of these ME-109's and fixed on the rear E/A as his target. I followed him down, but stayed above him. I saw him fire at the ME-109, and then I saw his wingman, Major THOMAS J. CARBINE, 0-392748, engage the E/A and fire at it. I did not see much of the battle, but I did see the ME-109 crash into the ground. It broke apart when it hit the ground, but it did not burn.

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JOHN P. FOLTZ, 1st Lt, Air Corps, pilot, 397th F Sq.

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PILOT'S COMBAT REPORT ****** FIRST LIEUTENANT ROY D. CARLSON, ASR O-*6*788*3*0

Combat Type of Action : A. 6 October 1944 Date в. 597th Fighter Squadron - 368th Fighter Group Unit Time of Attack : 1615 D. Area of Breitscheid Airfield (G-3132) Flace of Attack: ž., Good weather - good visibility Weather One (1) sE-109 in the air Type of Target : One (1) A2-109 destroyed (destruction of E/A Claims shared with major Thomas J. Carbins, AM O-392748)

Account of Combat: I.

I, let Lt. Roy D. Carlson, ... J-578830, was leading Tropic Squadron on a fighter sweep mission on the afternoon of 6 October 1944. After we had been vectored for approximately an hour in the visinity of Cologne, we were sent due east to investigate bogies. When we arrived in the area of G-5152, the leader of Banknots Group reported a small airfield below. It was then shortly before 1615. We started to orbit the field; and as we did so, we noticed an Mi-109 landing and another about to take off. At the same time, I noticed two 109's flying due east just south of the field. I was at 13,000 feet, and the L/A were at about 5,000 feet. In order to loss altitude, I came down in a weaving fashion until I was just above the rear E/A. As I did so, I kept my plane into the sum. I then closed in dead astern to a point 150 yards behind the rear B/A and fired one burst at it. I observed strikes all over the ship. They were particularly concentrated in the right wing root. The engine immediately began to smoke, and the plane made a 270 degree turn down and to the left. Major Thomas J. Carbine, ASN 0-392748, my wingmen, stayed with the plane and fired at it until it bellied in and turned over. I pulled off to get the other E/A, but immediately noticed that 2nd Lt. Manuel K. Soo, ASN 0-815407, who was flying Tropic Yellow Three, had already shot it down. I then turned back, picked up Major Carbine, and headed for the enemy airfield in order to strafe. I claim participation in the destruction of one (1) ME-109 in the air.

Major Carbine shares in the destruction of this E/A.

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Type of Action : Combat

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D. Time of Attack : 1615

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Type of Target : One (1) : 1-109 in the air

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0-592748, to one (1) ME-109 destroyed in the air.

Account of Combat:

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STATESANT BY SECOND LIEUTEMENT SERVAL B. RELLY, 0-770305, SUPPORTING THE CLAIM OF SECOND LIEUTEMENT MANUAL R. SOC, 0-815467, TO DIE ME-109 DESTROYED IN THE AIR:

I -- I, Second Lieutenant GENALL B. HILLY, 0-770305, was flying Tropic Yellow Four on a fighter sweep mission on the afternoon of 6 October 1944. After we had been vectored for approximately an hour in the vicinity of Cologne, we were sent due east to investigate bogies. When we arrived in the area of G-3132, the leader of Banknote Group reported a small airfield below. It was then shortly before 1615. I was flying the wing of Second Lieutenant MANUEL K. SOO, 0-815407. We started to orbit the field; and as we did so, we noticed an : E-109 landing and another about to take off. At the same time, I noticed two ME-109's flying due east just south of the field. Tropic Red Flight went down in pursuit of these E/A. Our flight was at about 10,000; and at first we remained there to serve as top cover. Tropic Red Three reported difficulty with the leading ME-109 and called for help. Lieutenant 500 and I went down to engage this E/A, and Lieutenant SOO opened fire. His first burst was a 50-degree deflection shot, and I noticed only a few hits. The E/A dove for the deck and entered a Lufbury. After it had made two turns, Lieutenant 500 fired again and scored more strikes. The E/A flew into the ground and began to burn. This duel took place for the most part between 50 and 200 feet. Without a doubt, the airfraft was destroyed. I flew over it, and I saw that the right wine had been torn off and that the fuselage was burning.

> Gerald B. KELLY, 2nd Lt, Air Corps. Pilot, 397th F Sq.

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- Type of Action: Journal
- Date 5 votober 1944
- Unit 597th Citator squarron - 565th Fighter Group
- Time of Attack : 1615
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PILOT'S COMBAT REPORT - FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM G. HORLACHER, 0-802299

A -- Type of Action ----- COMBAT.

B -- Date -------- 6 OCTOBER 1944.

C -- Unit -------- 368TH FIGHTER GROUP - 397TH FIGHTER SCUADRON.

D -- Time of Attack ------ 1620.

E -- Place of Attack ------ BREITSCHEID AIRFIELD (G-3132).

F -- Weather ------- GOOD WEATHER - GOOD VISIBILITY.

G -- Type of Target ------ ONE (1) ME-109 ON THE GROUND.

H -- Claims ------- ONE (1) ME-109 DESTROYED ON THE GROUND.

I -- I, First Lieutenant WILLIAM G. HORLACHER, 0-802299, was flying Tropic Blue Three on a fighter sweep mission on the afternoon of 6 October 1944. After we had been vectored for approximately an hour in the vicinity of Cologne, we were sent due east to investigate bogies. When we arrived in the area of G-3132, the leader of Banknote Group reported a small airfield below. It was then shortly before 1615. Major THOMAS J. CARBINE, 0-392748, First Lieutenant ROY D. CARLSON, 0-678830, and Second Lieutenant MANUEL K. SOO, 0-815407, became engaged in aerial combat with ME-109's in the vicinity of the field. My flight remained above to serve as top cover. Major CARBINE and Lieutenant CARLSON jointly destroyed an ME-109 in the air, and Lieutenant S00 destroyed another. We then came down in order to strafe the airfield. It was then shortly before 1620. My flight made three attacks on the field. My first pass was made in a 30 degree dive from west to east with the sun at my back. It was directed at an AA unit. I did not observe the results. As I was in this pass, I saw an ME-109 on the edge of a wooded strip. My second pass was directed at this ME-109. I made this second pass from west to east in a 15 to 20 degree dive. As I attacked, I attampted to keep the sun to my back. I fired on the ME-109 to within about 50 yards. I saw numerous strikes, and the E/A burst into flames. Second Lieutenant CHARLES B. PATRICK, 0-770363, who was flying Tropic Blue Four, also observed the strikes and the ensuing explosion. I did not fire during my third pass.

I claim one ME-109 destroyed on the ground.

William G. Horlacker, WILLIAM G. HORLACHER, 1st Lt, Air Corps, Pilot, 397th F Sq.

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STATEMENT BY SECOND LIEUTENANT CHARLES B. PATRICK, 0-770383, SUPPORTING THE CLAIM OF FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM G. HORLACHER, 0-802299, OF ONE ME-109 DESTROYED ON THE GROUND:

I -- I, Second Lieutenant CHARLES B. PATRICK, 0-770383, was flying Tropic Blue Four on a fighter sweep mission on the afternoon of 6 October 1944. After we had been vectored for approximately an hour in the vicinity of Cologne, we were sent due east to investigate bogies. When we arrived in the area of G-5132, the leader of Banknote Group reported a small airfield below. It was then shortly before 1615. Major THOMAS J. CARBINE, 0-592748, First Lieutenant ROY D. CARLSON, 0-678850, and Second Lieutenant MANUEL K. 800, 0-815407, became engaged in aerial combat with ME-109's in the vicinity of the field. My flight remained above to serve as top cover. Major CARBINE and Lieutenant CAHLSON jointly destroyed an ME-109 in the air; and Lieutenant SOO destroyed another. We then came down in order to strafe the airfield. It was then shortly before 1620. My flight made three attacks on the field. I was flying the wing of First Lieutenant WILLIAM G. HORLACHER, 0-802299. We made three passes. Our first pass was made in a 30 degree dive from west to east with the sun at our backs. We fired at an AA unit, and I observed good hits on the gun position. On our second pass, which was directed at an ME-109, the sun was again at our backs. I was unable to fire because of the presence of friendly aircraft in the area, but I observed numerous strikes from Lieutenant HORLACHER's fire, and I saw the HE-109 burst into flames. Neither Lieutenant HORLACHER nor I fired on our third pass.

> CHARLES B. PATRICK, 2nd Lt, Air Corps, Pilot, 397th F Sq.

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- B -- 397 F 3q, 368 F 3p. 12 A/C Disp -- 2 aborts because of wea.
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- D -- Capt Windle a. Jilla and Second if injectement Chall v. Dilla had a mid-air collision in the Munetereifel at 1410 while they were flying at 6,000 ft. Both planes went in. A slight explosion was seen and a sheet of yollow flame. Capt STASEW's plane was seen on its back heading straight down. Something was seen falling out of Capt a 33. W's plans. The observor thou at fig that it was probsbly a bomo.
- 8 -- B/Load: 12 x 2 x 170-16 or a Fuse: J-11 sec del. 16 in tgt areas. I Four bombs ret to base by two aborts and two bombs carried by sa of two planes that collided in wid-mir. Two of our planes dropped their bords (4 sands alto other) on the tet of the 396th. The weaperevented observation of requits. Is toobs were dropped on Limburg, when, in mign alt level bomb law. The carbo ere dropped in an elt of 12,000 ft. Results unobserved proposition because of war. To strafing.
- F -- agt, was innec flak set on course slightly a of arresiler and may, mod, see flak slightly . of Juren.
- H -- in almost solid overcast with occassional breaks - camalas clouds -- 3,000 ft base, 11,000 ft top -- vis above clouds good -- in clouds vis sero.
- I -- code not used.

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397th F Sq S-2 Rpt on a Ground Support, Nascon & F/Sweep Mission - 8 Oct 44

(Squadron Mission Number 255)

- Opns O No. ___, Mission No. Y21-2, Mission No. for Day: At. 8 oct 44. Support for 7th Corps (Scoty), at k8235, then Armed Recon & Ftr Susep in A -- Opns O No._ area E of Bonn and Cologne.
- B -- 35 368 F Gp 597 F Sq -- 12 A/C Disp -- No aborts. C -- Up: 132 1535 -- TOT: 1607 to 1725 -- Down: 1804
- D -- N11
- E -- B/Load: 8 x 2 x 500-1b 3P's Fuse: Inst nose - 1/40 tail 16 in tgt area. 4 A/C as eact. Booty I marked a town at K8745 with smoke. Our planes bombed this town. 16 bombs fell in tgt area, right in the town. Results were excellent. The town is almost leveled. Then our planes conducted an armed recom and fir sweep in the area E of Bonn and Cologne. They were vectored by Marmite. They were in search of bogies and sirflds. Only friendly planes were seen. Strafing: Maj HINDRICKS dostr a loco at F9585. Lts UHALP, D M. POTTER and KELLY dam the 12 cars drawn by this loco. This train was travelling in a northerly direction. There was another train in the vicinity composed of 15 cars which hid
- F Hvy, mod, acc flak in a belt extending fr F4547 to F5747 to F6941 to F7552. One burst of hvy, inacc flak at Euskirchen. One burst of hvy, acc flak at Duren. A sod mirfld was seen at F7552. It seemed to be in very good shape. It was only slightly bombed. The hangars were in good shape. We activity was seen on the fld.
- H -- The wea at the tet was vory poor. 5/10 cloud cov. Stratus clouds. Base 3,000'. Top 5.500'. Vis 3 to 7 mi. Wea W of Liege was poor. Vis at base was 1 to 1 mi. I -- Code not used.

Bombs: HENDRICKS, POTEM, D. H. SHARP, HELLY

Bombs: DRICOGAL, FAULY, MULTIN, EVANS

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- a J.J. -- ..ippica No. K21-1) -- Mission for Mark Jil -- Jotober 11, 1944 -- Aupport for 1st infantry Div. (Booty, of 7th Jorpa. No.ty was at Asonon-dive Logish. A read junction and main buildings at AMANNON A-049499
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- 0. upi 1558 -- 1.12: 1412 to 1455 -- 40mi: 1517
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Bobty was contacted shortly before the bombing. The primary target was bombed (primary target)). Footh planed the smoks a little south of the assigned target, but the whole target area was hit. The results were excellent. Heny houses were domolished-none houses were seen burning. Bodty was very well satisfied with the results of the bombing. Before our planes bombed they heard a report over the redit to the effect that after previous bombings many vermans had nurrendered. Liter the bombing our planes flow east to inner and then turned around smill sany of our planes straid as they bombed

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- i. The weather had no great bearing on the mission The weather at the target was excellent. The weather from base to the target was fairly good. From base to the target there were cloud layers at 2000 ft. — at 4000 ft. and at 10,000 ft.
- I. lquadron code was hot used

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397th F Sq S-2 Rpt on a Ground Force Support & D/Bomb Mission - 12 Oct 44 - # 257

- A -- Opns O No. . . Mission No. Y21-4, Mission No. for Day: WE, 12 Oct 44. Support for 1st Inf Div (Booty), located at K8255, & D/Bomb of a M/Ys at F1855 and F3260 and of town of Euskirchen.
- B -- 397 P Sq 368 F Up -- 12 A/U Disp -- No aborts.
- 0 -- Up: 0708 -- TOT: 0734 to 0900 -- Bown: 0945.
- D -- 1 A/O Dam -- Flak -- Cat "AC".
- E -- E/Load: 8 x 2 x 500-1b dP's -- Fuse: Inst nose, 1/40 tail -- 16 in tgt area. Our planes contacted Booty. Booty was at a8235, the expected 4 A/O as eact. location. Booty sent our planes to the double-highway in the area of r0050 to bomb tgtsof oppor, but the bombing was done elsewhere. Our planes flew to F1855. 8 bombs were dropped on a small m/Y there. A loco and 8 to 10 box cars were in the yard. Some cars were dem and some were destr. The loco was destr. 4 bombs were dropped on a M/Y at F3260. A loco and some cars were in the yard. Some cars were dam. A few cars and the loco were destr. 4 bombs were dropped in buskirchen. A fire was set in the center of the town. Strafing: Lts BANAEA, and DANE, destr 1 engine at 13212. Lt DANE destr a house associated with a radio installation at F2716. Capt O'CONNELL dam a loco and some cars at Munstereifel at F3218. maj UdhBINE and Lt BALLA destr a Loco at F3222.
- Lts HAMILTON & PATHICK destr one loco at F1656. F -- What looked as if it might have been a jet b/n was seen at 3749 in the area of 12006. It was considerably 3 of the observing planes. It was pulling contrails and therefore its alt was estimated to be betw 20 and 25,0001. Hvy mod fairly acc flak in Duran area. Avy mod very acc flak at F1341. Hvy int very acc flak at suskirchen. Ligt int fairly acc flak at a in 3ta in a M/Y at F1853 (This was the sill on which 8 bombs were dropped.) Light (At fire) mod (5 or 10 guns; inacc flek at F3260. Let mod rather inacc flak in area of F1005.
- u -- A train was seen at F1348. It was going toward buren. A train was seen at F1853 The latter was moving away fr buren. Great activity was noted on the was No of Duren (These tracks have previously been cut). Activity was noted on the MRs E & th of Donn (these tracks have been previously cut).
- H -- Wes had no bearing on the mission.
- I -- Code not used.

Bombs: O'CUMELL - Lt BALLA - CARBINE - N D SHARP

Bombs: DAME - BANKER - HAMILION - PATRICK

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397th F Sq S-2 Kpt on a Ground Porce Support & D/Somb mission - 12 Oct 44 - # 258

- Mission No. Y21-4, Mission for Day: 2 -- 12 Oct 44. A -- Opns O No. _____, Mission No. Y21-4, Mission for Day: 2 -- 12 Oct 44. Support for "Brightside", located at Heerlen (K7655) and D/Bomb of 20 - 40 tanks in a fld fr K8849 to K8950.
- B -- 597 F Sq 368 F Gp -- 12 A/O Disp -- No aborts.
- 0 -- Up: 1157 -- Tur: 1202 to 1250 -- Down: 1518.
- D -- 1 A/C Dam -- Flak -- Vet "A".
- E -- B/Load: 6 x 2 x 500-lb GP's -- Fuse: Inst nose, 1/40 tail -- 16 in tgt area. when our planes were over Liege, they were instructed heerlen, K7655) instead of "Booty" (1st Inf Div), located at K8255. "Brightside" asgd as the bombing tgt 20 - 40 tenke in a fld fr K8849 to K9850. "Brightside" marked the tgt with red smoke. Results of the bombing were not visible. After
 - the bombing our planes conducted an armud reconnaisance fr Eschweiler (K4748) to Julich (F0559) and back past Aldenhoven (A9856). A great deal of ambulance movement was observed during the course of the armed recon. No strafing.
- F -- Lgt mod inacc flak in tgt area (K8849 to K8950). dvy mod fairly acc flak in area of Julich (area of 10300).
- G -- nil
- H -- wee had no bearing on mission.
- I -- Code not used.
- Bombs: ALATA MKS, PERMANDLA, D M SAMP, ALLEY
- Bombs: OLOCH, FAULEY, MULPHY, LYAMS
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- , Mission No. Y21-4, Mission No. for Day: 5 12 Oct 44. A -- Upns U No._ support for lat Inf miv ('Booty'), loacted at x8255; leaflet dropping at 2 pts, one close to FO045 and the other close to F0047; and 0/80mb of Aachan.
- B -- 368 F up 397 F uq -- 12 M/c Diap -- Ho aborts.
- 0 -- Up: 1535 -- Pur: 1600 to 1650 (Sombing was done at 1620) -- Down: 1739.
- & 2 x 2 leaflet bombs --L -- nil
- s -- 8/ oad: 8 x 2 x 500-16 of s/-- Fuse: Inst noss, 1/40 tail. 16 in tgt area. 4 a/u as esct. Leaflet bombs were dropped at 2 pts close to asgd ste, 20046 and F0347. After the leaflet bombs had been dropped, our planes attempted to contact 'Booty'. At first they had some difficulty, but they were finally successful. 'Sooty' instructed them to D/Bomb Aachen. 16 bombs were dropped in the center of agenen. Flames & automium explosions were seen. No strafing.
- F -- avy int very acc flak in area of duren.
- i -- . Eny broups were seen in the area of Aschen and about 20 At/s were noticed in the vicinity of the pts on which the leaflet bombs were dropped. There was much movement on the roads as of American troops
- i -- igt area: the was was very poor. The poor wea, together with the presence of many other groups in the anothel area, lead our planes to return nome almost immediately after the box in. 10/10 cloud cav, base 5,000; top unknown. ine vie at 5000' was not good. Selew 5000', it was good.
- I -- vode not used.

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A -- Opens O do.____, dission No. 121-5, dission No. for Day: 10. - 15 Not 44.

D/Bomb in area of 19761.

B - 368 F Gp - 577 F 3q - 12 √ Disp - 10 aborts.

J — Up: 0728 — TUT: 0800 to 0335 (Sombing was dome at XL5 - all 12 planes and 1 plane fr another sq landed at Reims because of a shortage of Las.
They landed at 0950. 11 of our planes landed at base at 1128. The 12th landed at 1146.)

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- i.— B/Load: 12 x 2 x 500-16 GPs -- Fuse: Inst mose, 1/40 tail -- 22 in tgt area -2 bombs brought back to deims -- No planes as eact.

 Our planes were to have supported the 5th Corps (Grgen), located at Aurrange (K2802). They were then to have D/Sombed pillboxes and a transpoints at tgt one (FO44034) and at tgt two (FO45035). Grgen, however, was not contacted. Instead, a ground controller whose call sign sounded like "place" was contacted. The weat over the asglet green was such as to preclude beabing at that place. Our planes flow to the area of 19751 and beabed there. The bombs were also at a bridge. Five bombs were dropped on a track. One beab was dropped on the track at a point west of the point in which the five bombs were dropped. Two bombs were dropped in a marshalling yard. This track was cut. Light bombs were dropped on a track south of the point on which the five bombs mantioned above (the five bombs dropped on a track) were dropped. There was one burst on the track, and seven bombs were dropped near the track. This track was cut. Theplace of tails bombing was south of 1/6 carehalling yard. Two bombs were brought back to deims.

 He strafing
- F -- Heavy, moderate, accurate flak at Prum, L-0729. Heavy, moderate flak of unknown accuracy in the area of P-1402. This flak was aimed at aircraft other than our two.

u -- 311

I -- Target area: several layers of clands at least three Layers bottom layer at at 1000 ft., top layer at 8000 ft. Target area referred to is the originally assigned target area. These clouds procluded boding of the assigned targets

I -- Squadron code was not used

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- A -- 0.0. -- Mission No. f21-6 -- Mission for day: 1.0 --- October 15, 1944 -- Dive bombing of dug in gun positions at k-8964
- 5 -- 368th Fighter Group -- 397th Fighter Squadron 12 acrt. dispatched -- no aborts
- 0 -- Up: 1/2 1353 -- TUT: 1550 -- down: 1613
- D -- I acft. damaged flek cat. "A"
- E -- Bomb load: 8X2X500 lb. iP bombs

Fusing; inst. nose - 1/40 tail

4 bombs in target area = 12 bombs dropped in enemy territory, 8 of them at K-9156

4 acft. used as escort. The cloud base over the assigned target area was 5000 ft. It was too low for the whole squadron to fly beneath it., the resuli was that the squadron split up. Major Hendricks and Lt. Surney, his wingmen, flew to the assigned target location at x-8964. The squadron was to have dive bombed forty to fifty tanks there. No tanks were to be seen there. There were only some dug in gun positions. major dendricks searched the area for tanks, but could find none. He then flew to the area of K-8849, where the squadron had bombed from 20 to 40 tanks on Cet. 12th, 1944. Six tanks were seen there - "Brightside" did not know whether or not they had already been knocked out, consequently, Major nendrices refrained from bombing them. About this time six of our planes saw six Fw-190's in the area of a-3551. Our planes were then at 11,000 ft. At first these enemy acft. were above our planes and then they were seen flying down past them. A little later a 1-33 and 2 r-47's were seen following them. This took place at about 1450. When Major Hendricks heard that six of our planes had encountered enemy acit. he flew to theplace at which they were reported, but saw neither them nor our own planes. When he heard this report he and his wingman jettisoned their bombs. Four of the six planes mentioned above jettiaoned their bombs upon encountering the enemy acft. Major Hendricks and his wingson eventually found themselves between Cologne and Dusseldorf but could find no enemy planes They then flew west and down to Aachen - eventually Major Hendricks was joined by the second element of his flight. There two planes had not jettisomed their bombs. They bombed the dug in gun positions at K-3364 mentioned above. Major Hendricks strafed these gun positions in order to mark them for the planes which bombed. The results of the bombing were poor

F -- An account of enemy acft. encountered was given in ""

deavy, weak, inaccurate flak at F-0460. Light, weak, inaccurate flak at K-951. Heavy, weak (a few burst only) accurate flak at K-9560

- G -- At 1500 a US chute was seen floating down in the area of K-0757. Four P-47's were seen circling above it
- H -- Section "E" contains remarks on the weather- 5/10 cloud coverage cumulus clouds- bae 3000 ft-top 5000 ft.-visibility excellent
- I The squadron code was not used

Bombs

Hendricks, Burney, U.M. Sharp, Fernandez Bombs

Folts, Bingini, & Rogal, Helliesen

No bombs - Driscoll, R.D. Sharp, Arps, Sender

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A -- 0.0. -- hission no. Y21-4 -- Mission for day: Ol -- Dotober 14, 1944 Support for "Green" (5th Corps), located at Jurrange (K-9802; and dive bombing of entrenchments and fortifications at F-045030

B -- 369th Fighter droup - 397th F.S.

11 acft dispatched - no aborts

0 -- 09: 1200 -- 131: 1320 to 1455 (bombing was did at 1520) -- down: 1306 5 - Jomb load: 7x2x500 1h. JP bomba

Fusing: inst. nose - 1/40 tail 14 bombs in tgt. area 4 acft. used as escort

Our planes contacted "argan". Organ was at 1. 302, as expected. Our planes bombed a target whose location was slightly east of expected location. They bembed at r-045050, instead of at r-0405. Egan placed red smoke on the location actually bombed. Organ directed artillery fire at flak positions in the target area at the time of the bombing. All 14 bombs were dropped in the target area, the town of / idenbreth. The results of the bombing were excollents. The 59oth fighter equadron bonded the same target instead of it's sesioned target at r-0005. All 595th bombs fell in the target area. After the bombing our planes conducted a fighter sweep in the area of Dusseldorf

... strailing - weather conditions precluded strailing

- . -- At 1990 an object which looked as if it sight poselbly have been a jet plane or a rocket was seen in the area of 1-2900. This olject was at about 25000 feet and some pilots thought that it was moving upward. the burst of red fighter fink was seen in Jelogne. It's accuracy is unknown for it was not directed at our planes. Money, weak, inaccurate flak at i-3/9. Might, weak, inaccurate flak in the target area(this flak was so weak as to be almost mullible
- c -- air planes flew over an airfield at 7-4556. This sirfield has been seen previously. It is now half canouflaged in such a way as to blend with the green turf surrounding it. This airfield has a runway about 2000 feet in length. Concrete has been placed on the runway since it was last seen.
- R -- Target area; weather was very pour 3/13 cloud coverage cumulus and strato cumulus clouds - base: 1,00 feet - top: 3000 feet - visibility excellent. Theweather in general was poor- 6/10 cloud coverage - heavy cumulus at alto cumulus clouds - heavy rainstorms up to 12,000 or 14,000 feet.

I -- squadron code was not used Bombs

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(Squadron Mission No. 263)

A. U.U. -- Mission No. 121-4 - Mission for day: U. -- Stober 15, 1944 Support for doperaft (28th Inf. Div., located at Isens vn, K-2907 and dive bombing of town of Genund, F-1219

568th Fitr. Sp == 397th Fotr. Sq.
12 acft. dispatched = no aborta

C. Up: 0942 - TUT: 1029 to 1119 (combing was done at 1040) - 8 planes landed at 1152 (the other flight of 4 planes had not landed at line time this report was drawn up). The 4 pilots involved are Capt. Krause that the land Lt. Hegan, 2nd Lt. Joo and 2nd Lt. Fein at A-74 at Cambrai at 1145.

D. Nil
Rowh load. Sysyson the GR hombs iney landed at base at 1611.

Bomb load: 8X2X500 lb. GP bombs
Fusing: inst. nose-1/40 agil
16 bombs in tgt. area - 4 acft. used as easort
Cur planes contacted Hoperaft. Hoperaft was located at theexpected place
Hoperaft said that he could not put red amove on the assigned target
(as a supply dump at F-057173) because he was out of range. The assigned
target, however, was not bombed because the clouds over it were too low.
They were at 1500 ft., but the presence of hills reduced their altitude
to 800 ft. Instead, our planes bombed the town of security, F-1219.
They had authorization to bomb this town. All 16 bombs were dropped in
the town. Flames and explosions were seen. Results of thebombing were
good. After the bombing our planes flew east and then returned to base
To strafin.

F. Heavy, moderate, fairly accurate flak at hhein ach, f## F-4425 Light, intense, innaccurate flak at F-1520 Heavy, weak, fairly accurate flak at an airstrie at F-#62/ 4336 Light, intense, innaccurate flak in the target area

d. Halifax's and hancasters were seen on the way none slightly # west of the target area. Black smoke was seen in the Cologne area

H. Let. area: 5/10 to 6/10 cloud coverage - alto stratus and alto cumulus clouds - hase: \$500 ft. (the presence of hills reduced this altitude to 800 feet) - top: 4000 feet - visibility: very good above and below the clouds. There was an open space north and east of the target area.

I. Squadron code was not used

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397th F Sq S-2 Rpt on a Ground Force Support, D/Bomb & A/Recon Mission - 20 Oct 44

- _, Mission No. Y21-4, Mission No. for Day: ONE 20 Oct 44. Support for Seascout (9th Inf Div) -- D/Bomb of tgt 5 (Close to F-03705495) and tgt 6 (Close to F-03655450). Both these tgts were strongpoints -- then a/recon in asgd a/recon area & S of that area (A/Recon area was region of Aachen, Hitdorf, Wesseling and Monschau.)
- B -- 368 F Gp 397 F Sq -- 11 N/O Disp -- No aborts.
- C -- Up: 1003 -- TOT: Grossed B/Line on way in at 1032; bombed at 1050; crossed b/line on way back at 1145 -- Down: 10 A/G down at 1229 -- One NYR.
- D -- 2 A/C Dam -- One Cat "AC", flak -- and one Cat "A", flak. It WELLY's plane was last seen in area of 1-1595. He was heard saying over the R/T that his plane had been hit. They may therefore be three dam planes. Particulars on it KELLY's plane are not yet available.
- E -- B/Load: 7 x 2 x 500-1b GP's -- Fuse: Inst, 1/40 tail -- 14 bombs in tgt areas.

Seascout was contacted, but was weak over R/T. The tgts were smoked by Seascout. At first with purple smoke, and then with red smoke. A cub was seen spotting the bombing. The results of the bombing were excellent. All 14 bombs were dropped in tgt areas. The 2 tgts were close to the asgd tgt at F-03703495 and F-03653450. Lts OLDEN, ROYAL and HELLESEN especially distinguished themselves in the bombing. After the bombing, Marmits sent our planes to investigate a group of bogies on the southern edge of the asgd a/recon area. Then they were sent to investigate a group of bogies south of the a/recon area. Both groups turned out to be composed of P-38's.

STHAFING: Maj HENDHIOKS destr a loco at F-2852. Lt HAMILION destr a loco at F-2755. Maj HENDHICKS destr a loco at F-3442. The sq strafed 2 roundhouses containing about 100 cars at 1-1695. Such gen dam done. 30 cars loaded with trucks is hvy guns were strafed at 1-1595. There was no loco atchd to these cars. Maj HEMBKIOKS destractions here and its HAMILION and HOWAN destrain 4 cars.

- F -- Lgt, int, acc flax on a flax car at u-1999 (50 cars here were strafed).
- G-SeE ligt, mod to int, inace flak at F-424). May, acc and less than mod flam at f2440. May, mod, acc flak at buckirchen. Ligt, wk, inc. c flak at 1-1097.
 - H -- 8/10 cloud cov -- atrate cumulus clouds -- base 3,000, top 5,000 -- good vis.

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397th F aq 3-2 apt on a D/Bomb Mission - 21 Oct 44 - Squadron Mission Mumber 267.

- A -- Opne O No. _____, Mission No. 121-7. Mission No. for Day: U.L. -- 21 Oct 44. A/hecon in area of Dusseldorf, mittorf, Aschen und noinsber. (This was negd s/recon area. Our planes also flew toward Ablenz and in an area generally 3 of the s/recon area).
- 8 -- 368 F dp -- 397 F sq -- 11 M/o disp -- no acorts --
- U -- Up: 1001 -- ToT: Orossed b/line on way in at 105), boused at 1050; crossed b/line on way out at 1150 -- nown: 1214.
- D -- N11.
- E -- B/hoad: 8 x 2 x 500-16 dP's -- ruse: mot nose, I/-0 tail -- 14 in tgt srea.

 2 jet (aread) at 1-5155 or enemy side of b/line (these bombs had hung up).

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- F -- At 1130 a 2, mg st prop prome was seen at -/365. Inde a/2 was flying at an alt of more than 2,000 ft.
- Hyy we fairly see flax at Luskirenan --- but int are illus in the area (-4046). G -- The factory bodies at r-4040 was the scane of intensive sotivity. A very active factory was seen at r-5000.
- H == There were close layers at 4 or yaddu its at yaddu it and 17,000 its and leyers were take. The closes were brakens wis yory goods
- I -- Code not used.

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397th F Sq S-2 Rpt on an Armed Recon Mission - 21 Oct 44 - 3q Mission No. 268

- A -- Opns O ho. : Hission ho. Y21-7; Listion was for pay. The -- 21 lot 44.

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- 3 -- 368 F dy -- 11/1 : -q -- 12/19 -- une abort, radio out.
- 0 Up: 1403 valued c/inc in may in at 1442; crossed b/line on way out at 1705 -- Jumis Ra Love, John of our tout -- out land, out "A", friendly flak.
- D -- One u/a prob about wets amount an immediate manner of the secretic and stolk. It With I valued out at another. The about and plot to be hit by friendly Mak.
- E B/Load: d x x pod-1b at a recent mise acres, a mail ed bomes jet armed in muncion-riamonan. Tout while it assertly to tout. 4 1/4 as each. Our planes for oneir bosts and tody and of her off of the literaturations. No strafi....
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397th F Sq S-2 Rpt on a Rail-Cutting Mission - 28 Oct 44 - Sq Mission No. 269.

- A -- Opns O No.____, Mission No. Y21-2, Mission No. for Day: ONZ 28 Oct 44.

 Mission was rail-cutting -- Green System -- Line "A" (F-1550)-to-(F-1759),

 approx 15 mi W of Cologne. The priority tgt was a RR bridge on Line "A" at
 F-156539.
- 3 -- 368 F Op 597 F Sq -- 12 NO Disp -- No aborts. Over target at 1003;
- C -- Up: 0927 -- TOT: Orosed B/Line on way in at 1000;/orosesd b/line on way out at 1030 -- Down: 1115.
- D 3 A/O dam at tgt area by enemy flak, one in Cat "A" and two in Cat "AO".
- E -- B/Load: 12 x 5 x 500-1b GP's -- Fuse: Inst nose, 1/40 tail. 56 bombs in tgt area. A cloud over tgt area at 4,000' caused bombing results to be poor. At the given pinpoint for the bridge (F-156559), no bridge could be seen, the intersection between the road and an at the point was observed, however. Maj HEMISIORS' scored two hits on the tracks immediately N of this intersection at F-1555. The remainder of the bombs of his flt fell in the edge of themwoods of the track at F-1456. Capt KRAUSE claims one hit on the intersection (F-156539). One additional hit on the track is also claimed by his flt, immediately N of this point. Lt ULIDAY's flt scored 2 hits immediately N of the intersection at AMBOD F-1555. The remainder of the bombs of his flt fell to the E of the track at F-1755.
- F -- Lgt int fairly acc flak at F-1760 --- hwy mod very acc flak at F-1240 --- hwy int acc flak at F-1559.
- G -- N11
- H -- 9/10 sloud sov in area S of tgt (strato cumulus slouds) -- base 3,000' -- 3/10 sloud sov (strato sumulus slouds) over tgt area -- base 4,000' --
- I -- Code not used.

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397th F Sq S-2 Rpt on a Hail-Cutting Mission - 28 Oct 44 - Sq Mission Number

- , Mission No. "Y21-2" Mission No. for Day: Two 28 Oct 44. Mission was rail cutting - dreen System -- Line "B", (F-1350 to F-2757), approx 8 to 11 mi w of Cologne. The priority tgt was a Ra bridge on Line "B"
- B -- 368 F up -- 397 F uq -- 12 A/O Disp -- No aborts.
- C -- UP: 1415 -- Crossed B/Line on way in at 1440 -- TuT: 1405 -- Crossed B/Line on way out at 1550 -- DUWN: 1627.
- D -- One of our A/U destr by enemy flak at F-2033 -- F/U HARMY, MIA.
- E -- B/Load: 12 x 2 x 500-1b dPs -- Puse: Inst nose, 1/40 tail -- 21 hombs in tgt area. 3 bombs jet safe at F-1242, F-3055. 21 bombs were dropped in the tgt area, a Nk bridge at F-268573. The results were poor, due to intense enemy flak. Maj OARBINE scored one cut in the immediate vicinity of the bridge. The remaining bombs of his flt fell s of the tgt at F-2740. Capt CAMISON scored one cut at F-2656. The remaining bombs of his fit fell in the immediate vicinity of the tgt, but no definite hits were reported. F/O HANDY's plane was seen to go in on the bomb run, at which point he was hit by enemy flak. His plane was seen to crash at F-2053. There is no evidence that he was able to bail out. The hombs of Capt O'CONNELL's fit also fell in the immediate vicinity of the tgt, with no definite hits being observed. Pollowing the bombing, the squadron made a sweep SE to P-7520, where they sighted 20-plus ME-109's flying at an alt of 10,000'. They were being attacked by an unknown squadron of P-43's. The results of this action were not reported, as it took place at a considerable distance. The squadron then returned S of Euskirchen to Aschen and back home.
- F -- 20-plus ME-109's sighted near F-7520, flying at an alt of 10,000', at 1530 hrs. Lgt int inacc AA at F-2757 --- Hvy int fairly acc AA at F-2757 --- Lgt very int very acc AA at F-3049 --- Lgt int acc AA at F-3555 --- Lgt int acc AA at F-2646.
- G -- Enemy rockets observed while on recon sweep, which were believed to be signals for their flak to cease firing and to call in their fighters.
- H -- 2/10 to 3/10 Strato Cumulus cloud cov for nearly all of mission -- base 2,000', top
- I -- Code not used.

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397th F Sq S-2 Rpt on a Top Cover (for D/Bomb) Mission - 29 Oct 44 - Mission 271

- A -- Opns O No. _, Fission No. "Y21-5", Mission No. for Day: ONE - 29 Oct 44. Mission was to provide top cover for Flapper and Serum Squadrons on a D/Bomb Mission of a RR bridge on the Green System at F-465109.
- B -- 368 F Gp -- 597 F Sq -- 12 A/C Disp -- No aborts.
 C -- UF: 0843 -- Crossed B/Line on way in at 0925 -- TOT: 0950 -- Crossed B/Line on way out at 1010 - DOWN: 1042.
- D -- Nil.
- E -- 12 A/ C used as eact. Serum and Flapper Squadrons were apparently unable to locate the asgd tgt (F-465109). Instead, they are believed to have bombed at 7-372040, on the same rail line. The small town of Fuchshofen is located at this point. A good concentration of bombs was observed and the town was seen to be on fire. After the bombing, the squadron made a sween to a point S of Duren (F-2009), in an effort to locate rail traffic. None was seen, however, and the squadron returned home without incident.
- G -- A possible rocket contrail was seen So of Koblenz at a considerable distance. It was ascending at a nearly vertical difficulty angle.
- H -- Wea had no bearing on the mission.
- I -- Code not used.

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