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 Authority NND 745005
 By AB NARA Date 7/27/06

WPVK/FAM

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OPFLASH #: 1 SITE #: AB9 1345 HRS. 18 DEC. 1944

A. MISSION SYMBOL: VB9-6 TARGET: ARMED RECCE/KOLN, JULICH, SCHULA, HELLENTHAL AREA.

B. 1. 373RD GP 412TH SQ. 2. 13 P-47'S. 3. NIL

C. 1. T/U 1117 HRS 2. T.O.T: 1158-1220 HRS 3. T/D 1308 HRS

D. 1. OUR A/C : 2. E/A : 3. PERSONNEL :

3 CAT A. : 3-0-0 : NIL

(2 FLAK)(1 PIECES OF : : :

DEST. E/A.) : : :

E. RESULTS:

ATTACK DATA

 BOMBS LOADED: 9 X 2 X 500#, INST. FUSE A/C T/O: 4

 BOMBS TARGET AREA: 18 JET NIL RET: NIL

(ALL BOMBS DROPPED ON ENEMY WHETHER PLANNED TARGET OR OTHERWISE).

SQUADRON CONTACTED FOUNDATION ON "C" FOR TARGET. THEN HEARD PINTAIL SQUADRON CALL IN BANDITS SE OF DUREN AND HEADED FOR AREA. FIGHT IN PROGRESS BETWEEN P-47'S AND 30 PLUS ME-109'S AND FW-190'S SOUTH OF DUREN. SQUADRON JETTISONED ALL BBS AT F1740 AND JOINED THE SCRAP. ONE 109 DESTROYED BY LT PETERS, ONE BY LT MILLER AND ONE BY LT MARTIN. ALL THREE ENEMY PILOTS BAILED OUT.

F. 1. ENEMY AIR: AREA, 8 MILES SE DUREN, 30 PLUS E/A.

E/A TOOK FULL PROTECTION OF OVERCAST (BASE 10,000 FT) DUCKING IN AND OUT. OF THE THREE A/C DESTROYED ONE TOOK NO EVASIVE ACTION. (OVER)

 2. FLAK: COORDINATES TYPE AMOUNT ACCURACY
F1439 HF NOD ACC
G. VITAL INFORMATION: NIL
 W PHILIP VAN KIRK
 CAPTAIN, AIR CORPS,
 S-2 OFFICER.

No claims
 other Than A/c - Jwa

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SQ LEADER -- LT PETERS.

F.(CONT)

FOLLOWING LEADER IN LOOSE LUFTBERRY; THE SECOND TOOK
VIOLENT EVASIVE ACTION BEFORE BEING HIT; THE THIRD DUCKED INTO
THE OVERCAST AND WAS FOLLOWED AND DESTROYED.