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U.S.A.A.F. FORM 34A

OPREP A

TO : CG, Ninth Air Force, APO 606, U S Army (Attention: 26th SCU).
CG, XIX Tactical Air Command, APO 141, U S Army (Attention: Stat Centl Sec).
CG, 303rd Fighter Wing, APO 141, U S Army (Attention: Stat Centl Officer).

FROM: Hq 373rd Fighter Group, APO 141, U S Army, 8 August 1944.

REF : Oprep A No A8C: For 24 hour period ending sunset 8 August 1944.
Mission No 151: (3rd of 3 missions) Operations Order Symbol No X-51-4.

(TIGER - BANJO; NOCENT, LE ROTROU AREA)

A. - 7/U 1810 Site A13. This group dive bombed motor vehicles in France. Group of 3 squadrons: A410, 10 planes; B411, 12 planes; C412, 12 planes. 34 P-47's. "C" squadron acted as top cover for this mission. 4 aircraft of this squadron strafed truck on road at V075079. Truck left burning. Squadron also encountered heavy intense accurate flak fire at T060037 northwest of Vire. It is not known whether this was from friendly or enemy troops. "A" squadron dropped 18 bombs on the east-west highway from V-940985 to V-960980. 75-100 motor trucks and half trucks dispersed in area. 25 destroyed - 25 damaged. 1 gas line truck destroyed. Aircraft also strafed. "B" squadron dropped bombs as follows: 5 bombs jettisoned to attack enemy. 1 bomb brought back. 4 bombs jettisoned in chancel by aborting planes. 10 bombs dropped on road V7886. 6 trucks destroyed. Bomb strikes on road for one-half mile. 4 bombs at V-7888 - 8 freight cars destroyed on track there. Bombs were dropped from a peel of 60 degree angle, height of 5,000 feet, releasing bombs at 1,000 feet. While on bomb run Blue Flight leader observed 2 enemy aircraft. After jettisoning bombs, Blue Flight of 3 went after enemy aircraft. Enemy aircraft broke away to right and left. Blue 3 went for the left one and Blue Leader for the other and engaged in combat. Enemy aircraft were aggressive and after several head on passes, both enemy aircraft were hit and observed tumbling end over end. Blue 3's opponent jettisoned canopy and rolled over and down. Blue Flight headed for home when Blue Leader observed another ME 109 coming up behind Blue 3. He immediately turned into enemy aircraft and again after several head on passes, enemy aircraft was hit. Strikes were observed in cockpit. Enemy aircraft went over and down. Smoke and fire were observed on ground where plane crashed. Flak encountered: Light small arms fire, moderate and inaccurate on the road from V-940985 to V-960980. Heavy intense accurate at Y8172. Time over the target was from 1911 hours to 1930 hours. Weather: over target 6-8/10, base 5,500 feet, top 12,000 feet, visibility 0-3 miles through haze. Elsewhere no clouds but heavy haze with one mile visibility. 7/D 2025 Site A13.

B. (I) - 34
(II) - 31
(III) (a) - NIL
(b) - NIL
(c) - 3 (1 water injection, 1 oil leaks, 1 radio).
(d) - NIL
(IV) - NIL
(V) - NIL
(VI) - NIL
(VII) - NIL
(VIII) - 31

C. - NIL

D. (I) - 72:15
(II) - NIL

E. (I) - 57,800 x 50 Site A13
(II) - 3,240
(III) - NIL

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- F. (I) - 21 (500 lb GP inst fuse) Site A13.
 (II) - 32
 (III) - 11 (See narrative) (1 brought back)
 (IV) - NIL
- G. - NIL
- H. (I) - In the air: destroyed
 Capt E. V. King 2 ME 109 411th Fighter Sq.
 1st Lt. E. E. McHenry 1 ME 109 411th Fighter Sq.
- (II) - Probably destroyed - NIL
- (III) - Damaged - NIL

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