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OPREP A

TO : CG, Ninth Air Force, APO 696, U S Army (Attention: 26th SCU).
CG, XIX Tactical Air Command, APO 141, U S Army (Attention: Stat Contl Sec).
CG, 303rd Fighter Wing, APO 141, U S Army (Attention: Stat Contl Officer).

FROM: Hq 373rd Fighter Group, APO 141, U S Army, 9 August 1944.

REF : Oprep A No A9B: For 24 hour period ending sunset 9 August 1944.
Mission No 153: Operations Order Symbol No X-51-2. (2nd of 3 missions).

(TIGER - TRUMPET; TOURS, VILLE, ORLEANS)

A. - T/U 1258 Site A13. This group dive bombed targets in the Orleans Area. Group of 3 squadrons: A410, 8 planes; B411, 9 planes; C412, 11 planes. 28 P-47 airplanes. "B" squadron provided top cover for the mission. 14 bombs dropped on fuel storage tanks at L-5155 near La Gendrotiers, 4 destroyed, 10 damaged. One explosion fire and smoke seen for 2 minutes. Other tanks empty. Dive angle 70 degrees, peel made at 9,000 feet, bombs dropped at 4,000 feet. 3 aircraft dropped 6 bombs on 1 locomotive and approximately 175 railroad freight cars at Ville Franche (15756) 25 to 30 miles south-east of Blois. 6 bombs hit in target area. 3 aircraft strafed same target. Total of 15 cars destroyed and 25 damaged. 1 aircraft strafed flak tower in Ville Franche observing many hits. Peeled off at 10,000 feet, angle of 60 degrees, released at 2,500 feet. 4 aircraft dropped 7 bombs on 6 to 8 railroad oil cars at (L2060) approximately 12 miles south of Blois. All seven bombs dropped in target area. 6 to 8 cars destroyed, black smoke observed. Peel off made at 11,000 feet, angle of 65 degrees, released bombs at 2,500 feet. One bomb failed to release over the target but fell off safe about 2 miles south of the target. 4 aircraft dropped 8 bombs on 1 locomotive and 15 freight cars and additional string of 50 railroad cars at Lanthenay, (L5555) 25 to 30 miles south-east of Blois. 3 direct hits and 5 near misses. 15 cars damaged, 5 destroyed. Peel off made at 11,000 feet, angle of 65 degrees, bombs released at 2,500 feet. Time over the target was from 1425 to 1445 hours. Flak encountered: heavy moderate accurate at T-863206 in the vicinity of Flers. Light negre inaccurate at Ville Franche (from flak tower). Heavy moderate accurate at 15,000 feet approximately 2 miles south-east of Vire. Heavy moderate accurate at 15,000 feet approximately 2 miles south-west of Vire. Weather both over the target and elsewhere: 2-5/10, hazy throughout, top 15,000 feet, bottom 4,000 feet, visibility 8 miles. T/D 1610 Site A13.

B. (I) - 28 P-47 aircraft.
(II) - 27
(III)(a) - NIL
(b) - NIL
(c) - 1 (Defective external tank)
(d) - NIL
(IV) - NIL
(V) - NIL
(VI) - NIL
(VII) - NIL
(VIII) - 27

C. (I) - 28 (150 gal US, bally, metal, American) Site A13.
(II) - 2

D. (I) - 87.00
(II) - NIL

E. (I) - 47,600 x 50 Site A13.
(II) - 8,840
(III) - NIL

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- F. (I) - 40 (500 lb GP inst fuse) Site A13.
- (II) - 37
- (III) - 3 (1 fell off - 2 brought back, 2 planes).
- (IV) - NIL
- G. - NIL
- H. - NIL

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