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TO: CG, Ninth Air Force, APO 696, U S Army, Attn: 26th SCU.
 CG, XXIX Tactical Air Command, APO 151, U S Army, Attn: SCS.

FROM: Hq 373rd Fighter Group, APO 151, U S Army, 15 December 44.

REF: Oprep A No DL5C: For 24 hour period ending sunset 15 December 44.
 Mission No 421: (3rd of 5 missions) symbol V89-7.

TIGER - BANJO: F-033653 (GUN POSITION)

- A. - T/U 1038 Site 89. Dive bombing. 0412th sq with 12 planes was over the target from 1117 to 1132 hours. At F033653 19 bombs dropped on briefed target marked with white smoke by Stoway. All hits in area of emplacements. Estimated five positions destroyed. 4 bombs dropped at F028658 on town when plane believed damaged by flak. NRO due to overcast. Lt Sheldon N. Reuter hit by Heavy flak at 7,000' at 1130 after bombing. Plane caught fire but was manageable and Lt Reuter flew to point 10 to 15 miles North of Manstricht, losing altitude. Severe damage to right wing and right fusilage seen by other pilots. Plane went into spin and crashed at K6782. No chute seen. Time 1138. Flak encountered at F0364 heavy moderate accurate. T/D 1235 Site 89.
- B. (I) - 12 P-47's.
 (II) - 12
 (III) - NIL
 (IV) - NIL
 (V) - NIL
 (VI) - NIL
 (VII) - 1 (Cat "E")
 (VIII) - 12
- C. (I) - NIL
- D. (I) - 24:15
 (II) - NIL
- E. (I) - 20,400 x 50
 (II) - 1,595 x 50
 (III) - 1700
- F. (I) - 24 (500 lb GP IF)
 (II) - 24 - (29 gun emplacements.
 (4 town F028658.
 (1 J959444.
 (III) - NIL
 (IV) - NIL
- G. - 1 (Lt Sheldon N. Reuter, 01995981, 412th Ftr Sq.
- H. - NIL
- I. - A B C
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