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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:** Ooprep A No DL5E: For 24 hour period ending sunset 15 December 44.  
 Mission No 423: (5th of 5 missions) symbol V89-10.

TIGER - BANJO; KOLN - HAGEN - BRAUNBERG - GREVENBROICH AREA

- A. - T/S 1330 Site 89. Dive bombing. Gp of 3 Sq: A410th 12 planes; B411th 12 planes; C412th 12 planes. 36 P-47's. TOT's from 1433 to 1500 hours. "A" sq provided top cover. Primary targets could not be attacked due to weather. Roselee A vectored a aircraft and told them when to drop bombs on Dusseldorf thru overcast. After bombs were dropped Roselee gave a correction on fix. Believe bombs were dropped vicinity F9080 - NRO due to weather. Roselee No 3 vectored Sq to assigned target area, B sq, but weather from Maastricht on east was too bad. Bombs were dropped from 14,000' thru overcast - NRO. "C" sq dropped bombs at F6397. Planes flew briefed course. Unable to find targets, overcast. Roselee 3 vectored planes to east of Dusseldorf. All bombs released thru overcast from 14,000' - NRO. Encountered flak at F3988 heavy weak inaccurate; F3090, F1095 10 miles W of Dusseldorf heavy, intense, accurate; F8060 15 miles E of Cologne heavy, intense, inaccurate. 1 Rocket, east of Koln at 1430, going straight up. Cloud cover 10/10 1500 to 4000; 6/10 10,000 to 11,000; 5/10 14,000 to 14,200, visibility 1/4 mile, good above. T/D 1550 Site 89.
- B. (I) - 36 P-47's.  
 (II) - 36  
 (III) - NIL  
 (IV) - NIL  
 (V) - NIL  
 (VI) - NIL  
 (VII) - 1 (Cat "A" flak)  
 (VIII) - 36
- C. - NIL
- D. (I) - 88:00  
 (II) - NIL
- E. - 61,200 x 50  
 - NIL  
 - NIL
- F. (I) - 48 (500 lb GP 1/10 nose and tail)  
 (II) - 48 - (24 bombs at F6397) "B2" sq  
           (24 F6397) "C" sq  
 (III) - NIL  
 (IV) - NIL
- G. - NIL
- H. - NIL
- I. - NIL

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