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USAAF FORM 344

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 Cntl Sec).
CG, 88th Fighter Wing, APO 595, U S Army (Attention: Stat Co ntl O).

FROM: Hq 373rd Fighter Group, APO 141, U S Army, 7 August 1944.

REF: Oprep A No A7D: For 24 hour period ending Sunset, 7 August 1944.
Mission No 148: (2nd of 2 Missions) Opr symbol X51-3.

(TIGER - BANJO: CHARTRES AIRFIELD)
QUAIL

A. - T/U 1812 Site 13. This Group dive bombed the dispersal area for aircraft at Chartres Airfield. 3 Sq: A410th 12 planes; B411th 11 planes; C412th 12 planes. 35 P-47's. Bombs were dropped on aircraft dispersal area in woods east of Chartres. A Sq started dive at 13,000 ft, 60 degree angle of dive, and released bombs at 5000 ft. All bombs burst in target area. Results were unobserved due to woods. All aircraft strafed woods on way down. 1 bomb hung up and was returned to base. At 1930 hours, vicinity of Amilly R-3203, at 13,000 ft, was attacked by 20 to 25 109's and 190's. Attack came from 3 o'clock low and 12 o'clock high simultaneously. Five encounters from 13,000 ft to 3000 ft. 1 unidentified aircraft believe to be P-47 seen going down burning and exploding in woods near St Arnault des Bois (R-2308). 1 unidentified parachute was also seen descending about the general area of encounters. 2 enemy aircraft were destroyed in the encounters that took place. 1 ME 109 and 1 FW 190 were claimed destroyed. B Sq released bombs at 2,500 ft after a peel from 15,000. 65 deg ree angle of dive. All bombs hit in target area (R441031). Black smoke seen to rise from 3 different fires. At 1920, near R445052, 14,000 ft altitude, B Sq was jumped by 20 plus enemy aircraft. During the encounter 1 ME 109 and 2 FW 190's were destroyed. C Sq provided top cover for both A and B Sq. At 1927 hours, 30 plus ME 109's were observed by C Sq 2 miles NW of Chartres, at 18,000 ft. 2 of our aircraft attacked 1 ME 109, from 18,000 ft. Both observed many hits from their tracers. Planes went into tight lufbarry to deck. ME 109 seen to crash land in an open field and pilot seen to run away from plane. 4 aircraft were bounced by 4 FW 190's, 18,000 ft. Flight turned into the FW 190's and 3 aircraft dove on one enemy aircraft firing several bursts and observing many hits. Enemy aircraft was last seen diving into a cloud. Claim 1 destroyed and 1 probable destroyed. Scattered clouds from 4,000 to 12,000 ft. At Chartres, heavy, moderate and inaccurate flak. T/D 2027 Site 13.

- B. (I) - 35 P-47's.
(II) - 35
(III) - NIL
(IV) - 3
(V) - NIL
(VI) - NIL
(VII) - NIL
(VIII) - 35
- C. (I) - 35 (150 gal US, belly, metal, American) - Site 13.
(II) - 9
(III) - NIL
- D. (I) - 72:45
(II) - NIL
- E. (I) - 59,500 x 50 - Site 13.
(II) - 5,291 x 50
(III) - 5,100 x 50

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OPREP A (CONTINUED)

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- F. (I) - 46 (500 lb. GP. Inst fuse) - Site 13.
(II) - 45 (1 bomb returned to Base)
(III) - NIL
(IV) - NIL

L/A-RTD

- G. - Disbro, R. M., 2nd Lt, 0821309, 410th Ftr Sq, Missing In Action.
Ryan, John A., Jr. Capt, 024825, 410th Ftr Sq, Missing In Action.
Hallberg, Charles L., 2nd Lt, 0763579, 411th Ftr Sq, MIA.

- H. (I) - IN AIR:

destroyed :

1/2 FW 190	1st Lt	H. F. Phelps,	412th Ftr Sq
1/2 FW 190	2nd Lt	H. W. Hodeck,	412th Ftr Sq
1 FW 190	Lt Col	D. T. Bennink,	411th Ftr Sq
1 FW 190	2nd Lt	C. L. Marshall,	411th Ftr Sq
1 ME 109	1st Lt	E. E. McHenry,	411th Ftr Sq
1 ME 109	1st Lt	W. G. Oeder,	410th Ftr Sq
1 ME 109	1st Lt	M. J. Rudolph,	410th Ftr Sq

probably destroyed :

1 FW 190	1st Lt	E. E. Peters,	412th Ftr Sq
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damaged :

1 FW 190	Lt Col	D. T. Bennink,	411th Ftr Sq
1 ME 109	1st Lt	J. E. McCutchen,	410th Ftr Sq
1 FW 190	Capt	P. P. Stanley,	410th Ftr Sq
1 FW 190	1st Lt	O. W. Wylie,	410th Ftr Sq

- (II) - ON GROUND: NIL

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