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TO : CG, Ninth Air Force, APO 696, U S Army (Attention: 26th SCF).
 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, 9 August 1944.

REF : Oprop A No A9A: For 24 hour period ending sunset 9 August 1944.
 Mission No 152: (1st of 3 missions) Operations Order Mission Symbol No X-51-2.

(TIGER - TRUMPET; ORLEANS)

A. - T/U 0748 Site A13. This group dive bombed targets in the Orleans Area. Group of 3 squadrons: A410, 10 planes; B411, 12 planes; C412, 12 planes. 34 P-47's. "A" squadron provided top cover for this mission. Squadron encountered 20 plus enemy aircraft - 109's and 190's - in the vicinity of Alencon, 0935 hours, at 16,000 feet to deck. Destroyed 3 and damaged 2. "B" squadron peeled off at 9,500 feet, 50 degree angle dive, released bombs at 2,000 feet and dropped bombs as follows: 6 bombs on small armored car at W4641 - car destroyed. 4 bombs on 6 freight cars at L0876 - cars destroyed. 4 bombs on power plant at L1882 - near misses damaged plant. 4 bombs damaged 10 freight cars at L1982. 2 bombs on truck at L2386 - missed truck. 4 bombs on a bridge at F4609 - near misses but possible damage (railroad bridge). 2 trucks destroyed at L3791 by strafing. At W0457, 50 cars (freight and box) seen from 8,000 feet at 0916 hours. "C" squadron attacked as follows: 4 aircraft dropped 6 bombs on railroad in the vicinity of Verdene (F-0213). 2 bombs were seen to cut tracks. Peel off was made at 6,000 feet, angle of 60 degrees, releasing bombs at 2,000 feet. 2 of the bombs failed to release over the target and were jettisoned in woods approximately 3 miles south of Argentan. 4 aircraft dropped 8 bombs on 40-50 railroad cars and 3 locomotives at Beaugency (F-4809). 4 hits were seen on the cars and two or three fires were started. 4 aircraft strafed same target twice, observing numerous hits on the locomotive and cars. Approximately 8 cars were destroyed, 12 damaged, and the locomotive was damaged. 4 aircraft dropped 8 bombs on 20 cars, factory, and loading shed at Meung (F-5215). 7 of the bombs hit in the target area. The railroad was cut in three places, the locomotive was damaged, and the loading shed was left burning. 1 aircraft strafed tank at St Calais, (V-7849). Tank was seen to explode and was left burning. 3 aircraft strafed approximately 20 trucks at same location, observing hits. Two fires seen burning in trucks. Approximately 7 trucks destroyed. (Strafed at 1000 hours). (Bombed at 0915 hours). Time over the target was from 0840 hours to 0920 hours. Flak encountered: heavy moderate inaccurate in the vicinity of Hazelles (F-9572). Light moderate inaccurate in the vicinity of Alencon. Heavy moderate accurate at 9,000 feet approximately 3 miles north-east of Tours. Heavy light inaccurate in the vicinity of Palais. Artillery fire seen coming from 5 miles east and west of F-9554. Weather both over the target and elsewhere: 5-10/10, top 12,000 feet, bottom 10,000 feet, visibility 2 miles under 10,000 feet, unlimited above. T/U 1020 hours Site A13.

B. (I) - 34 P-47 aircraft.
 (II) - 33
 (III) (a) - NIL
 (b) - NIL
 (c) - 1 (Bomb release mechanism)
 (d) - NIL
 (IV) - NIL
 (V) - NIL
 (VI) - NIL
 (VII) - NIL
 (VIII) - 34

C. (I) - 34 (150 gal US, belly, metal, American) Site A13.
 (II) - NIL

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D. (I) - 91:15
(II) - NIL

E. (I) - 57,800 x 50 Site A13.
(II) - 10,507
(III) - NIL

F. (I) - 43 (500 lb GP inst fuse) Site A13.
(II) - 43
(III) - 2
(IV) - NIL

G. - NIL

H. (I) - In the air: destroyed

1 FW 190	1st Lt Jack E. McCutcheon	410th Ftr Sq.
1 ME 109	Lt Col Ansel J. Wheeler	410th Ftr Sq.
1 FW 190	1st Lt Ralph R. Regnier	410th Ftr Sq.

- On the ground

None

(II) - In the air

probably destroyed

None

(III) - In the air

damaged

1 ME 109	1st Lt Jack E. McCutcheon	410th Ftr Sq.
1 ME 109	1st Lt Virgil T. Bolin	410th Ftr Sq.

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