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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 O).

FROM: Hq 373rd Fighter Group, APO 141, U S Army, 14 August 1944.

REF: Oprep A No A14B: (1st of 3 Phases) For 24 hours ending Sunset, 14 August 44.  
 Mission No 170: (2nd of 2 Missions) Mission symbol W51-9).

(TIGER - BANJO: CHARTRES - ELOIS - CHATEAUBONS AREA)

- A. - T/U 1618 Site 13. This Sq dive bombed. 1 Sq: B411th with 12 planes. While passing over Le Theil V7888 Sq was circled by 8 unidentified aircraft using unfriendly tactics. Bombs were jet-tisoned safe and sq broke into other aircraft which proved to be friendly. This was at 7,000 ft, 1700 hours. A few minutes later Lt Hornmuth bailed out due to engine failure at V9464 between St Avit and Arvil. He landed safely and note was dropped to US armored column about 5 miles away to give assistance. Sq continued on patrol. No flak encountered. CAVU. T/D 1655 Site 13.
- B. (I) - 12 P-47's.  
 (II) - 12  
 (III) - NIL  
 (IV) - 1  
 (V) - NIL  
 (VI) - NIL  
 (VII) - NIL  
 (VIII) - 12
- C. - NIL
- D. (I) - 21:30  
 (II) - NIL
- E. (I) - 20,400 x 50 - Site 13.  
 (II) - NIL  
 (III) - 1,700 x 50
- F. (I) - 12 (500 lb, GP, Inst fuse) - Site 13.  
 (II) - NIL  
 (III) - 12  
 (IV) - NIL
- G. - Lt John Hornmuth, 0767243, 411th Fighter Squadron, MIA.
- H. - NIL

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