

OPREP A

TO: G3, Ninth Air Force, APO 696, U S Army, Attention: 20th SOI.
G3, XXIX Tactical Air Command, APO 151, U S Army, Attention: Stat Control Sec.

FROM: HQ 373rd Fighter Group, APO 141, U S Army, 12 October 1944.

REF: Oprep A No 9125: For 24 hour period ending sunset, 12 October 1944.
Mission No 328: (2nd of 2 missions) Symbol No 121-7.

(Flight - CASPIRE: ANCHOR.)

A. - I/W 1503 site #62. Dive bombing mission. Group of three squadrons: #410, 11 planes; #411, 13 planes; #412, 11 planes. 33 P-47 aircraft. Brightside vectored to area, Gerstein A-8226, containing unknown number of enemy tanks. Smoke laid on target and Brightside instructed to bomb to east of smoke. No tanks observed. 20 bombs in area. Unknown number of unidentified buildings destroyed; no further results observed. Brightside reported, "You did good job in area. Thank you". The above was for "A" Squadron. "A" Squadron dropped 34 bombs on tank concentration and adjacent factory at A-8204/0. Factory destroyed. Vectored to target by wooty on "C", who said results were excellent. Target was at Axenweiler. "C" Squadron dropped 27 bombs on tank concentrations in fields and woods marked by red smoke in area of #82200. Results were unobserved on account of smoke. Planes contacted - we ptance, wecline, and Brightstar. Could not reach called. Group was over the target area from 1550 hours to 1715 hours. Flak encountered: heavy, light, and small arms, intense, and inaccurate in the vicinity of Ubaen #8739 and Axenweiler #4150. Light, intense, inaccurate (barrage fire) and heavy, weak, inaccurate from Benen Forrest from #-030467 to #-010420. Heavy, weak, inaccurate at A-82022, Usden. Heavy and light, intense, accurate over #863390 and #89334. Weather: over target 10/10, base 6,000 feet, top unknown. Baroats 3/10, base 2,000 feet, top 2,500 feet, visibility 4 miles. I/W 1602 site #62.

- B. (I) - 30
- (II) - 30
- (III) - Nil
- (IV) - Nil
- (V) - Nil
- (VI) - Nil
- (VII) - Nil
- (VIII) - 30
- C. - Nil
- D. (I) - 10,000
- (II) - Nil
- E. (I) - 57,500 x 50 site #62.
- (II) - 2,000
- (III) - Nil
- F. (I) - 89 (500 lb w/ inst fuse, site #62.
- (II) - 89
- (III) - Nil
- (IV) - Nil
- G. - Nil
- H. - Nil
- I. - A B C
- 1 - 411th Fighter Squadron
- See narrative

Henry C. Keir
HENRY C. KEIR,
Captain, Air Corps,
Stat Control Officer.

DECLASSIFIED
Authority NND 745005
By M NARA Date 7-2-06