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## OPREP A

TO: CG, Ninth Air Force, APO 696, U S Army, Attention: 26th SCU. CG, XXIX Tactical Air Command, AFO 151, U S Army, Attention: Stat Contl Sec.

PROM: Hq 373rd Fighter Group, APO 151, U S Army, 19 October 1944.

REF: Oprep A No Ol9A: For 24 hour period ending sunset, 19 October 1944. Mission No 334: (1st of 2 missions) Symbol No V-89-2.

(TIGER - THUMPET: TRIER AREA)

- T/U 1123 Site A62. Dive bombing mission. Group of three squadrons: A410, 10 planes; B411, 12 planes; C412, 10 planes. 32P-47 aircraft. 11 planes of the group provided top cover. "A" Squadron jettisoned 14 bombs in the vicinity of Nohfelden L5710 due to pass made by bogies (13 P-51 aircraft) at 19,000 feet. "B" Squadron dropped bombs as follows: 8 bombs on railrand track at M-0629 at Hochstatten. Track cut in 2 places. 6 bombs on railroad yard on cutskirts of Bad Kreuznish M-0938. Track out in 4 places inside yard. 2 bombs on a building just south of railroad yard at M-0938. Building destroyed emitting yellowish-gray smoke. "C" Squadron dropped 12 bombs in the target area: locomotive, steam, up, headed east, plus 30 passenger cars bombed and strafed at L-9632, 2 miles east of Sobernheim. Locomotive destroyed, 8 cars destroyed, 20 damaged. Marshalling yard containing 50 plus freight cars bombed and strafed at Soberheim, L-9332. 15 cars destroyed, 15 damaged. 10 aircraft strafed marshalling yards at Alzey, N-2828 containing stationary locomotive plus 100 freight cars. 5 cars destroyed, locomotive plus 15 cars damaged. Water tower destroyed at same location. 10 aircraft strafed 10 freight cars at M-3323, 3 miles south-east of Alzey. 5 cars destroyed, 5 damaged. Rockets seen rising in pairs and threes about 20 miles east of Nohfelden. About 6 rockets seen in vicinity of Nohfelden, 19,000 feet, 1230 hours. Same area at 1245 hours, 20,000 feet saw what appeared to be silver grey balls the size of baseballs falling from above B-24's. Flak encountered: Light, moderate, inaccurate over Sobernheim 1-9332 and Alzey M-2828. Weather: 6/10 in three layers 5,000 to 17,000 feet, visibility unlimited above. Group was over the target area from 1200 hours to 1315 hours. T/D 1418 Hours Site A62.

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(III) - NIL
(IV) - NIL
(VI) - NIL
(VII) - NIL
(VIII) - NIL
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C. (I) - 32 (150 gel, US, belly, metal, American) Site A62.

D. (I) - 83:00 - NIL

E. (I) - 54,400 (II) - 8,264 (III) - NIL

F. (I) - 42 (500 bb GF, inst fuse) Site A62.

(III) - 28

(IV) - NIL

G. - NIL

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