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TO: CG, Ninth Air Force, APO 696, U S Army, Attn: 26th SCU.
 CG, XXIX Tactical Air Command, APO 151, U S Army, Attn: SCS.

FROM: Hq 373rd Fighter Group, APO 151, U S Army, 15 December 44.

REF: Oprep A No DL5A: For 24 hour period ending sunset, 15 December 44.
 Mission No 419: (1st of 5 Missions) symbol V89-8.

TIGER - BANJO: JUKERATH

- a. - T/U 1015 Site 89. Dive bombing. 1 Sq: 8411th with 12 planes. TOT's from 1050 to 1100 hours. At F099714 all bombs were dropped in target area on heavy gun emplacement - 1 gun emplacement probably destroyed; - 10 buildings destroyed - 5 buildings damaged. 2 bombs also caused large explosion that appeared to be a fuel dump - 1 dump destroyed. Lt J. L. Rutherford, as he was pulling off the target, was hit in the gasoline tank by light flak. He was at 1,000'. He continued to climb to 4500' when the gasoline streaming out of the tank by light flak. He was at 1,000'. He continued to climb to 4500' when the gasoline streaming out of the plane caught fire. Fire finally enveloped whole plane and he bailed out at 6,000' at approximately 1100 at K-916696. Yellow Three contacted Roselee on B for a fix, which was given as being at Sittard K6868. However, Yellow Three was circling just W of Roer River while transmitting for a fix. This would make a fix at Sittard erroneous, too far west. 3 jet black P-47's with no markings and no bombs seen at 12,000' from 12,000' at 1105 at K9862. They were headed E and appeared to be some model between D-6 and D-22. Flying V Formation. Flak encountered at Julich F098715 heavy, moderate, accurate. T/D 1135 Site 89.
- B. (I) - 12 P-47's.
 (II) - 12
 (III) - NIL
 (IV) - 1
 (V) - NIL
 (VI) - NIL
 (VII) - 3 - (2 Cat "A"; 1 Cat "E").
 (VIII) - 12
- C. - NIL
- D. (I) - 19:30
 (II) - NIL
- E. (I) - 20,400 x 50
 (II) - 1020 x 50
 (III) - 1700 x 50
- F. (I) - 24 (500 lb GP IF).
 (II) - 24 - (F-099714)
 (III) - NIL
 (IV) - NIL
- G. - 1 (Lt John L. Rutherford, 0822273 NYR, 411th Ftr Sq) - See Narrative.
- H. (I) - NIL
 (II) - NIL
 (III) - NIL
 (IV) - 3 jet black P-47's with no markings and no bombs seen at K9862).
- I.

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