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31 March 1945.

NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 252

MISSION NO. 252 - 99th, 100th, 301st Fighter Squadrons.

1. MISSION: To conduct a Fighter Sweep in the MUNICH AREA, then strafe Rail Targets in area bounded by 4900N - 1200E, 4750N - 1200E, 4900N - 1430E, 4750N - 1430E.
2. AIRCRAFT STATISTICS: 47 off at 1200 hours. Effective sorties: 43. Non-effective: 4; 2 mechanical, 2 cockpit.

43 A/C arrived at IP at 1400 hours.
43 A/C down at base at 1825 hours. 1 A/C at FF.
1 A/C lost: A/C was seen to crash at 1420 hours at 4835N - 1224E. It is believed that the pilot went into a spin while making a tight turn and was too low to recover. Pilot was not seen to leave ship.
2 A/C are missing: 1 A/C was last heard over R/T at 1515 hours over Alps. Pilot was heard to state he was low on gas and was coming home. 1 A/C was last seen at 1430 hours over 4800N - 1325E.



3. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF MISSION: 47 P-51's took off from Ramitelli A/D at 1200 hours. 4 A/C returned early and were classed as ME3. Proceeding on course as briefed in a group formation, at 1353 hours at 4724N - 1325E, the group leader assigned the 99th Fighter Squadron to strafe rail traffic in the western third of the target area, the 100th Fighter Squadron the eastern third, while he led the 301st Fighter Squadron to strafe rail lines in the center third of the target area. 37 P-51's strafed rail targets in the assigned target area, with the last squadron departing from the assigned target area at 1520 hours. 43 A/C down at base by 1825 hours. 1 lost, 2 missing, 1 at FF. Formation Leader: Col. Davis.

4. E/A (air):
a. Seen (not encountered): NIL.
b. Encountered: 6 E/A, 5 ME-109's and 1 FW-190' were encountered at 1415 hours at approximately 3,000 feet above 4835N - 1224E. These E/A, of dark color with no particularly distinguishing markings, came out of a cloud bank on 7 P-51's from 9 o'clock just as the P-51's were preparing to descend on a rail target. The P-51's turned and engaged the unaggressive E/A with a resultant destruction of all 6 attacking E/A, by the 99th Fighter Squadron. The 100th Fighter Squadron encountered 11 E/A, 8 FW-190's and 3 ME-109's were encountered at 1440 hours at 4810N - 1402E, at an altitude

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of 3,000 feet. The E/A appeared to have just taken off from an A/D in the vicinity. At first observation only 5 E/A were seen, then immediately thereafter 6 additional E/A were encountered in the immediate vicinity. In the ensuing engagement, the 11 E/A fought aggressively but without any semblance of organized tactics, each A/C attempting to battle our formations singly. Claims are: 5 FW-190's were destroyed, 1 FW-190 probably destroyed and 1 ME-109 damaged.

5. FLAK: IAL at 4815N - 1335E, 4827N - 1306E and at Wels, Austria.

6. OBSERVATIONS: NIL.

7. RADIO SECURITY: Satisfactory.

8. FRIENDLY A/C: NIL.

9. STRAFING: 6 A/C of the 99th Fighter Squadron assigned to strafe in the western third of the target area, strafed rail traffic at 4806N - 1243E from 1415 to 1420 hours with a claim of 1 locomotive destroyed and 5 passenger cars damaged. These 6 P-51's then proceeded northeastward to area of 4901N - 1210 to 1218E and strafed rail targets at this point from 1430 to 1435 hours with a resultant claim of 1 electric locomotive and 10 passenger cars damaged.

15 A/C of the 301st Fighter Squadron, assigned the center section of the group strafing area, continued to 4750N - 1230E. At 1400 hours the squadron split into two sections of 8 and 7 A/C respectively. The section of 8 A/C was further split into two flights of 4 A/C each and participated in the following activity: 1 flight of 4 A/C strafed a train at 4809N - 1348E at 1415 to 1420 hours. Claims: 1 electric locomotive, 2 box cars and 1 ME damaged. These 4 A/C then proceeded to the area between 4815N - 1335E and 4810N - 1338E and strafed rail traffic from 1425 to 1445 hours. Claims are: 2 locomotives destroyed, 2 locomotives, 1 house and 5 oil cars damaged. The second flight of 4 A/C strafed rail traffic at 4825N - 1235E at 1420 hours with a resultant claim of 2 box cars destroyed, 2 locomotives, 5 hopper cars damaged. These same 4 A/C then returned southeast to 4802N - 1330E and strafed rail traffic from 1440 to 1445 hours. Claims are: 2 electric locomotives and 2 box cars damaged. 7 A/C, composing a second section of the 301st Fighter Squadron, strafed rail traffic at 4841N - 1243E at 1420 hours. Claims are: 1 locomotive destroyed, 2 locomotives, 6 box cars and 1 factory and 1 railroad farmhouse damaged. At this point 1 A/C was damaged by flak and returned to base. The 6 remaining A/C of this section then proceeded southeast to 4834N - 1313E and strafed 3 trains from 1430 to 1450 hours. Claims are: 1 locomotive destroyed, 2 locomotives, 6 passenger cars, 4 box cars and 1 railroad station damaged. A/C of the 100th Fighter Squadron, assigned to strafe rail targets in the eastern third of the assigned T/A, strafed at 4800N - 1326E, 4804N - 1332E, 4830N - 1400E and 4827N - 1402E from 1410 to 1425 hours, with a resultant destruction of 2 locomotives, 8 oil cars, 3 passenger cars and 1 warehouse, while damaging 1 locomotive, 2 tank cars, 1 H/T and 10 box cars.

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TOTAL CLAIMS ARE:

	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>DAMAGED</u>
Steam Locomotives	7	9
Electric Locomotives	0	4
Box Cars	2	24
Oil Cars	8	5
Passenger Cars	3	21
Hopper Cars	0	5
Tank Cars	0	2
M/T on Flat Cars	1	1
R/R Station	0	1
Roundhouse	0	1
House	1	0
Factory	0	1
Warehouse	1	0

10. COMMENTS: A more detailed report of aerial encounters follows on individual claim sheets.

11. CORRECTIONS TO TELEPHONE MISSION REPORT: Paragraph 16 of Fighter Mission Report as regards A/C missing should be corrected to read: A/C last seen at 1430 hours at 4800N - 1326E rather than Wels, Austria.

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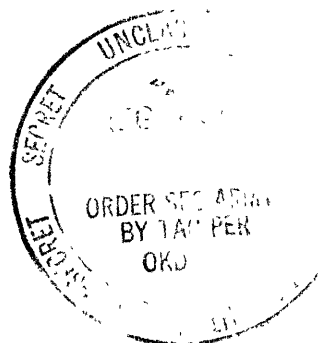
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NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 251

MISSION NO. 251 - 301st Fighter Squadron.

1. MISSION: 6 P-51's off from Ramitelli A/D at 1020 hours to provide close escort on PTW for 1 P-38 type, Photo Recon A/C, GRASSLAND 16, to MUNICH, Germany. 6 effective sorties. Non-effective sorties: None. Weather conditions prevented penetration to the assigned target. The formation penetrated to the SALZBURG Area at 1200 hours. 6 P-51's down at base at 1410 hours. Mission without incident. Formation Leader: Capt HOESGLAN.

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NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 250

MISSION NO. 250 - 99th, 100th, 301st Fighter Squadrons.

1. MISSION: To provide route cover on penetration, target cover and withdrawal for B-17's of the 5th Bomb Wing attacking WISNER NEUSTADT M/Y. The mission was not accomplished as briefed as only target cover and withdrawal escort were furnished.

2. AIRCRAFT STATISTICS: 40 off at 0835 hours. Effective sorties: 38. Non-effective sorties: 2 mechanical.

37 A/C over target at 1020 hours.
38 A/C down at base at 1355 hours.

3. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF MISSION: 40 P-51's took off from Ramitelli A/D at 0835 hours. 2 A/C were NIS. A 3 squadron group formation proceeded on briefed course, and did not effect R/V due to weather conditions (10/10 overcast, 19 to 24,000 feet), which caused the bombers to take a course different from that briefed. 38 A/C reached the target area at 1020 hours 20 to 23,000 feet. 1 P-51 left the formation at 1030 hours and returned to base due to mechanical trouble. 37 P-51's provided target cover and route cover on withdrawal from 1055 to 1245 hours. The last P-51's left the target area at 1150 hours after the rear formation of B-17's had passed. The formation leader dispatched fighter escort for each section of bombers as they left the target area. Route cover on withdrawal was furnished to 4444N - 1512E where our last 6 A/C left the bombers at 1245 hours, 16,000 feet. 38 P-51's down at base at 1355 hours. Formation Leader: Major Glead.

4. E/A (air):
a. Seen (not encountered): Nil.
b. Encountered: Nil.

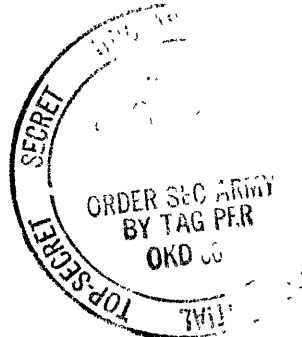
5. FLAK: Nil.

6. OBSERVATIONS: At 1020 hours in the target area from an altitude of 20,000 feet, approximately 100 smoke pots were observed. They covered an area of about 10 square miles and were very effective.

7. RADIO SECURITY: Satisfactory.

8. FRIENDLY A/C: Nil.

9. STEPPING: Nil.



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10. COMMENTS: Fighter A/C were unable to effect R/V with the bombers due to weather conditions. The bombers called in over P/T that they would be a few minutes late as they were taking a different route. The bombers approached the target from the direction of LAKE NEUSTEDLER (4745N - 1650E).

11. CORRECTIONS TO TELEPHONE MISSION REPORT: Nil.

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NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 249

MISSION No. 249 - 99th Fighter Squadron.

1. MISSION: 5 P-51's off from Ramitelli A/D at 0705 hours to provide close escort on PW for 1 Mosquito type Photo Recon, FOUR SQUARE 18, to MUNICH, GERMANY. 5 effective sorties. Non-effective sorties: Nil. Weather conditions prevented the formation from reaching the briefed target. The formation penetrated to 47500 - 11450, at 0940 hours at 24,000 feet. 5 P-51's down at base at 1115 hours. Mission without incident. Formation Leader: Lt Col.

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NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 248

MISSION NO. 248 - 99th, 100th, 301st Fighter Squadrons.

1. MISSION: To provide close escort on penetration, target cover and withdrawal for B-24's of the 49th Bomb Wing attacking PRAGUE/NEBELY A/D.
2. AIRCRAFT STATISTICS: 43 off at 0950 hours. Effective sorties: 39. Non-effective sorties: 2 mechanical, 2 other.

39 A/C R/V at 1110 hours. 30 A/C over target at 1222 hours.
39 down at base at 1800 hours.

3. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF MISSION: 43 P-51's took-off from Ramitelli A/D at 0950 hours. 2 A/C returned early and were classed as RES. Proceeding on briefed course in a 3 squadron group formation, 39 A/C R/V with the assigned bombers of the 49th Bomb Wing at 1110 hours at 23 to 26,000 feet above 4640N - 1450E approximately 120 miles south and 21 minutes early. Proceeding on course as escort to the assigned bombers, 2 P-51's withdrew from 4813N - 1503E with an early returning bomber at 1150 hours at 26,000 feet. With the remaining P-51's continuing as protective escort on penetration, 7 P-51's were dispatched at approximately 1210 hours at 26,000 feet above the area of 4915N - 1503E to escort early returning bombers. Arriving in the T/A at 1222 hours, 30 P-51's furnished T/A cover for the assigned bombers until 1300 hours from 26 to 29,000 feet. Escort on withdrawal was furnished the assigned bombers until 1430 hours when the last 9 P-51's left the bombers at 4540N - 1440E. 39 P-51's down at base by 1800 hours. Formation Leader: Capt HOLSCLAW.

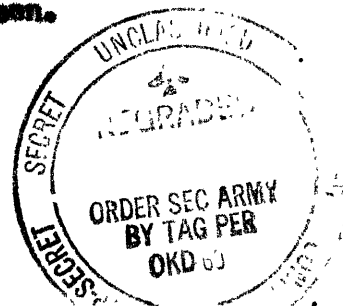
4. R/A (air):
 - a. Seen (Not encountered): Nil.
 - b. Encountered: Nil.

5. FLAK: Nil.

6. OBSERVATIONS: At 1300 hours from 18,000 feet above 4555N - 1325E, 4 U/I A/C were seen at approximately 8,000 feet.

At 1410 hours from 20,000 feet above 4913N - 1503E, 2 of our P-51's saw what was believed to be 1 Russian PE 2 type A/C. Russian A/C flew under our A/C and rocked wings. Our P-51's took evasive action by turning right in a slight climb. Upon turning again in the direction of the Russian A/C (which was then approximately 3 to 5 miles distance) 2 P-51's saw the Russian A/C in an engagement with 2 U/I P-51's. P-51's were on the tail of the Russian A/C at 15,000 feet. The Russian A/C was seen to burst into flame and dive into the ground. No chutes were seen.

7. RADIO SECURITY: Satisfactory.



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8. FRIENDLY A/C: NIL.

9. STRAFING: NIL.

10. COMMENTS: 5 P-51's withdraw with bombers of the 55th Bomb Wing from the vicinity of the T/A after becoming separated from assigned bombers while investigating U/I A/C.

11. CORRECTIONS TO TELEPHONE MISSION REPORT: NIL.

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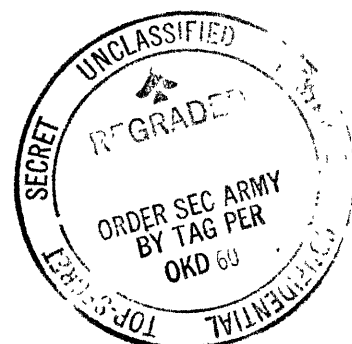
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NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 247

MISSION NO. 247 - 100th Fighter Squadron.

1. MISSION: 5 P-51's took off from Ramitelli A/D at 0925 hours to escort 1 P-38 Photo Recon, WHITELAND 17, to LINZ, AUSTRIA. 5 effective sorties. Non-effective sorties: Nil. 5 P-51's down at base at 1400 hours. Mission without incident. Formation Leader: Lt Thompson.

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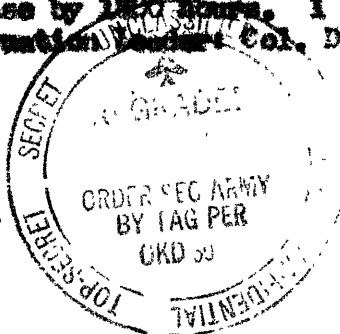
MISSION NO. 245 - 99th, 100th, 301st Fighter Squadrons.

1. **MISSION:** To provide close escort on penetration to prudent limit of endurance for B-17's of 5th Bomb Group attacking DAIMLER/BENZ TANK ASSEMBLY PLANT, BERLIN, GERMANY.

2. **AIRCRAFT AVAILABLE:** 59 P-51's of at 0900 hours. Effective sorties: 54. Non-effective sorties: 5; 4 mechanical, 1 cockpit.

38 A/C R/V at 1145 hours. 43 A/C in T/A at 1215 hours.
52 A/C down at base at 1800 hours. 2 A/C at FF.
1 lost: At 1215 hours at 5210N - 1205E at 26,000 feet
1 P-51 had its right wing shot off in an encounter with
3 ME-262's. Pilot is believed to have parachuted.
4 missing: 2 A/C were last heard from over R/T at 1400
hours as they attempted to contact Rimini A/D. 1 A/C was
last seen at 1215 hours at 26,000 feet above 5210N - 1205E
in area of encounter with E/A. 1 A/C was last seen at 1315
hours at 22,000 feet above 4903N - 1345E. A/C was in no
apparent difficulty.

3. **NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF MISSION:** 59 P-51's took off from Ramitelli A/D at 0930 hours. 5 A/C returned early and were classed as NES. Proceeding on briefed course 38 A/C R/V with assigned bombers at 1145 hours at 25,000 feet above 5020N - 131E. Though 16 other P-51's were in the same area they did not R/V with designated lead group of B-17's (as directed by group leader) but did furnish general route cover on penetration and later engaged attacking enemy fighters. After R/V close escort on penetration was furnished to assigned bombers as briefed. At 1205 hours two P-51's withdrew from 5130N - 1205E at 26,000 feet. At 1210 hours 9 P-51's withdrew from 5210N - 1205E at 26,000 feet. 43 P-51's continued on course to the area of 5208N - 1304E where at 1210 hours 25 E/A were encountered in a running engagement that lasted until 1225 hours and extended into the immediate vicinity and over Berlin. After the encounter the remaining P-51's made a Fighter Sweep of the T/A. On withdrawal 2 P-51's strafed rail traffic at 1310 hours at 4825N - 1330E, 2 additional P-51's strafed rail traffic at 4825N - 1240E at 1315 hours. At 1315 hours 1 other P-51 strafed rail traffic at 4803N - 1331E. 52 P-51's were down at base by 1800 hours. 1 P-51 is lost and 4 are missing and 2 are at FF. Formation Leader: Col. Davis.



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4. E/A (air)

a. Seen (not encountered): 30 ME-262's, 3 Mi-190's, 1 ME-163 and 1 P-51 type A/C (painted black and bearing German markings) were seen between 1210 and 1215 hours in the area of 5150N - 1300E and 5210N - 1205E at 27 to 28,000 feet. These E/A were not attacking B-17's, but it is believed they were preparing to intercept escorted bombers.

b. Encountered: 4 ME-262's were encountered at 1208 hours at 5208N - 1304E at 26,000 feet. These 4 E/A directed their attack against the lower echelon of the lead group of B-17's from 7 o'clock high. 2 ME 262's were damaged. E/A were not aggressive to fighters.

1 ME 262 made a pass on fighters at 1212 hours in area of 5210N - 1304E from 20,000 feet. The ME-262 made one pass from 1 o'clock high then broke off contact. No damage was done by the ME-262.

3 ME-262's were encountered at 1215 hours in the vicinity of 5218N - 1306E at 26,000 feet. The 3 ME 262's were making an attack from 5 o'clock high on the lead group of B-17's when our A/C attacked and damaged 1 ME 262.

9 ME 262's and 1 ME 163 were engaged from 1210 to 1225 hours in the vicinity of 5150N - 1300E at 27,000 feet as the E/A dived through a formation of B-17's. 17 P-51's engaged these 10 E/A destroying 3 ME 262's and probably destroying 2 ME 262's and 1 ME 163. The E/A were unaggressive and were not inclined to engage our fighters.

7 ME 262's were engaged at 1215 hours in the area of 5210N - 1205E at 26,000 feet when E/A made passes from 9 o'clock low and 6 o'clock high in formations of 4 and 3 respectively. 1 ME 262 scored a direct hit against 1 P-51, knocking off its right wing.

Total Claims: 3 ME 262's destroyed, 2 ME 262's and 1 ME 163 probably destroyed, and 3 ME 262's damaged.

5. FLAK: Nil.

6. OBSERVATIONS: Nil.

7. RADIO SECURITY: Satisfactory.

8. FRIENDLY A/C: At 1343 hours 1 B-17 was seen hit by flak and began spinning earthward above Prague. No chutes were seen.

9. STRAFING: 2 P-51's strafed rail traffic at 4825N - 1330E at 1310 hours. Claims: 1 locomotive damaged.


2 P-51's strafed rail traffic at 4825N - 1240E at 1315 hours. Claims: 3 RR cars damaged.

1 P-51 strafed rail traffic at 4803N - 1331E at 1315 hours. Claims: 1 Locomotive damaged.

Total strafing claims: 2 locomotives and 3 RR cars damaged.

10. COMMENTS: 1st Fighter Group P-38's were not seen when this Group began escort.

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11. CORRECTIONS TO TELEPHONE MISSION REPORT: NIL.

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NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 245

MISSION NO. 245 - 99th, 100th, 301st Fighter Squadrons.

1. MISSION: To provide two forces as close escort on penetration, target cover and withdrawal for two waves of B-17's of the 5th Bomb Wing attacking RUHLAND O/R, GERMANY.

2. AIRCRAFT STATISTICS: 51 P-51's off at 0915 hours. Effective sorties:43. Non-effective sorties:8 (5 mechanical,3 cockpit).

23 A/C of first force R/V at 1110 hours. 19 A/C of second force R/V at 1112 hours. 36 A/C over target at 1209 hours. 49 A/C down at base at 1625 hours. 1 A/C at PF. 1 missing: Pilot last seen at 1300 hours at 8,000 feet above 4842N - 1655E on a heading of 30 degrees attempting to reach Russian lines. Mechanical trouble prevented A/C from gaining sufficient altitude to cross Alps and reach home base.

3. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF MISSION: 51 P-51's took off from Hamitelli A/D at 0915 hours. 9 A/C returned before R/V, 8 of these A/C were classed as NES while 1 A/C was classed as an effective sortie. Proceeding on briefed course in two formations, 23 P-51's R/V with the lead 3 groups of the assigned 5th Bomb Wing at 1110 hours at 28,000 feet above 4850N - 1500E (90 miles south and 21 minutes before briefed R/V). 19 P-51's of the second force R/V with the rear 3 groups of the 5th Bomb Wing at 1112 hours at 27,000 feet above 4815N - 1450E (138 miles south and 25 minutes before briefed R/V). Close escort on penetration was furnished the assigned bombers at an average altitude of 28,000 feet. At 1140 hours 2 P-51's withdrew from 5009N - 1500E at 22,000 feet and received sorties. 4 additional P-51's withdrew from 5034N - 1503E at 28,000 feet at 1210 hours and received sorties. The remaining 36 P-51's proceeded to the target as close escort to the assigned B-17's of the 5th Bomb Wing. 36 P-51's furnished target area cover from 1209 to 1230 hours at an average altitude of 29,000 feet. Escort on withdrawal was furnished the 6 groups of B-17's to 4700N - 1410E, where at 25,000 feet the last 6 P-51's left the assigned bombers at 1335 hours. 49 A/C down at base by 1625 hours. 1 A/C at PF. 1 A/C missing. Formation Leaders: First force: Lt Nelson, second force: Lt Moody.

4. E/A (air)
a. Seen (not encountered): Nil
b. Encountered: Nil

5. FLAK: Nil

6. OBSERVATIONS: Nil



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7. RADIO SECURITY: Satisfactory.
8. F. HONDLY A/C: NIL.
9. STAFFING: NIL.
10. COMMENTS: NIL.
11. CORRECTIONS TO TELEPHONE ISSUES REPORT: NIL.

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NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 244

MISSION NO. 244 - 99th, 100th, 301st Fighter Squadrons.

1. MISSION: To provide close escort on penetration, target cover and withdrawal for 2 waves of B-24's of the 304th Bomb Wing attacking KRALUPY O/R, Czechoslovakia.

2. AIRCRAFT STATISTICS: 50 off at 0920 hours. Effective sorties: 48. Non-effective sorties: 2 mechanical.

48 A/C R/V at 1145 hours. 42 A/C over target at 1225 hours.
All A/C down at base at 1654 hours.

3. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF MISSION: 50 P-51's took-off from Ramitelli A/D at 0920 hours in 2 forces. 2 P-51's returned before R/V and did not receive sorties. The first force of 23 P-51's accomplished R/V with the first wave of B-24's of the assigned 304th Bomb Wing at 1145 hours at 23,500 feet above 4835N - 1504E while the second force of 25 P-51's R/V at 1145 hours at 24,000 feet above 4828N - 1510E. Bombers were in 4 groups. The first formation of 23 P-51's took up escort of the leading 2 groups of the 304th Bomb Wing while the second formation of 25 P-51's began escort for the rear 2 groups of the 304th Bomb Wing. At 1155 hours at 23,000 feet above 4855N - 1504E, 2 P-51's returned to base and received sorties. 46 P-51's furnished escort on penetration to target. Arriving in T/A, 42 P-51's furnished T/A cover from 1225 to 1250 hours at an average altitude of 24,000 feet. 4 P-51's furnished T/A cover from 1230 to 1315 hours at 23,000 feet and returned directly to base from T/A. 42 P-51's began withdrawal escort from T/A at 1250 hours at 24,000 feet. Escort on withdrawal was furnished assigned bombers to 4600N - 1410E, where our last 18 P-51's left the bombers at 1345 hours at 19,000 feet. All A/C down at base by 1654 hours. Formation Leaders: Capt TURNER (first force), Lt JOHNSON (second force).

4. E/A (air):

a. Seen (not encountered): 5 U/I M/E A/C were seen at 1340 hours at 4758N - 1359E heading North.

b. Encountered: Nil.

5. FLAK: Nil.

6. OBSERVATIONS: At 1400 hours at 22,000 feet above 4732N - 1405E, 3 P-51's of the 52nd Fighter Group dived on 5 P-51's of our formation. Our fighters turned into them and P-51's of the 52nd Fighter Group broke away. There was no action.

At 1320 hours from 23,000 feet, 2 B-24's jettisoned bombs over WEIS.

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7. RADIO SECURITY: Satisfactory.

8. FRIENDLY A/C: At 1400 hours from 24,000 feet at 4920H - 1358E, escort was given to 1 B-24 with 2 engines feathered to 4650H - 1408E where 2 P-51's left the bomber at 1350 hours at 20,000 feet.

9. STRAFING: NIL.

10. COMMENTS: NIL.

11. CORRECTIONS TO TELEPHONE MISSION REPORT: NIL.

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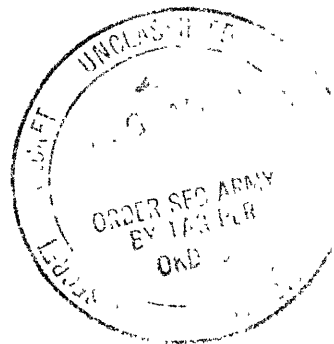
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NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 243

MISSION NO. 243 - 99th Fighter Squadron.

1. MISSION: 6 P-51's took-off from Ramitelli A/D at 0901 hours to provide close escort on PTW for 1 P-38 Recce A/C, GRASSLAND 136, to RUIHLAND, Germany. 5 effective sorties. Non-effective sorties: 1 mechanical. 6 P-51's and 1 P-38 landed at RIMINI A/D at 1030 hours. 5 P-51's and 1 P-38 were airborne at 1230 hours. 1 P-51 remained at RIMINI (mechanical). Flak at BRUX, SAH. 1 P-51 damaged, (repairable) at 1300 hours, 13,000 feet. 5 P-51's down at base at 1725 hours. Mission without incident. Formation Leader: Lt HARDER.

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NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 239

MISSION NO. 239 - 99th, 100th, 301st Fighter Squadrons.

1. MISSION: To provide route cover on PTW for the 47th Bomb Wing to NEUBERG A/D, Germany.

2. AIRCRAFT STATISTICS: 41 off at 0917 hours. 38 effective sorties. Non-effective sorties: 3 (3 mechanical).

38 A/C R/V at 1119 hours. 36 A/C over target at 1115 hours.
41 A/C down at 1650 hours.

3. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF MISSION: 41 P-51's took-off from Raitelli A/D at 0917 hours. 3 A/C failed to R/V and were classed as MBS. Proceeding on briefed course, 38 P-51's R/V with the assigned B-24's of the 47th Bomb Wing at 1119 hours at 22,000 feet above briefed R/V. Bomber formation was good. At 1140 hours at 23,000 feet above 4741N - 1224E, 2 A/C were dispatched as escort for an early returning bomber. Bomber was left at 1315 hours at 8,000 feet above ZAPA. 36 P-51's furnished route cover on penetration to target arriving in target area at 1155 hours at 23 to 25,000 feet. 36 P-51's furnished T/A cover from 1155 to 1220 hours at 23 to 25,000 feet. 36 P-51's began withdrawal escort for the assigned bombers at 1220 hours. Route cover on withdrawal was furnished to 4533N - 1415E, where at 1330 hours, our last 12 A/C left the assigned bombers. All down at base at 1650 hours. Formation Leader: Col Davis.

4. E/A (air):

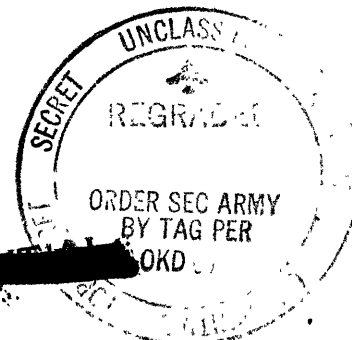
a. Seen (not encountered): 1 U/I T/E A/C seen at 1250 hours at 4649N - 1433E at 14,000 feet. 4 P-51's of our formation went down from 20,000 feet but A/C disappeared in clouds. E/A had a yellow tail and single fin.

b. Encountered: Nil.

5. FLAK: Nil.

6. OBSERVATIONS: At 1240 hours over 4655N - 1425E from an altitude of 21,000 feet, 7 white chutes seen to hit the ground close to what appeared to be a hospital with a red cross on the top.

7. RADIO SECURITY: Satisfactory.



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8. FRIENDLY A/C: At 1140 hours, near 4741N - 1224E from an altitude of 23,000 feet, 2 P-51's gave escort to 1 B-24 of 376th Bomb Group, 47th Bomb Wing. A/C had left inboard engine feathered. Bomber was left over ZAKA A/D after having received landing instructions.

9. STRAFING: Nil.

10. COMMENTS: The 52nd Fighter Group was escorting the 47th Bomb Wing when our fighters R/V and remained as top cover enroute to the target and a short distance on withdrawal.

11. CORRECTIONS TO TELEPHONE MISSION REPORT: Nil.

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NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 238 (Second Wave)

MISSION NO. 238 - 100th and 301st Fighter Squadrons.

1. MISSION: To provide close escort on penetration for the second wave of B-24's of 304th Bomb Wing to KRALUPY, Czechoslovakia.

2. AIRCRAFT STATISTICS: 29 off at 1016 hours. 25 effective sorties. Non-effective sorties: 3 mechanical, 1 escort.

25 A/C R/V at 1220 hours. 13 A/C over alternate target at 1235 hours.
12 A/C over alternate target target at 1308 hours.
1 A/C down at F.F. 28 A/C down at base at 1545 hours.

3. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF MISSION: 29 P-51's took-off from Ramitelli A/D at 1016 hours. 4 A/C did not affect R/V and were classed as NES. 25 P-51's affected R/V with the assigned bombers of the 304th Bomb Wing at 1220 hours at 21,000 feet over LAMBACH (briefed R/V point). 25 P-51's, in 2 formations, furnished protective close escort for 2 units of bombers to alternate target, WELS M/Y, Austria, arriving at 1235 hours and 1308 hours respectively. The first formation, consisting of 13 P-51's, furnished T/A cover for the assigned bombers of the 304th Bomb Wing from 1235 to 1242 hours and resumed close escort on withdrawal. 4 P-51's left the assigned bombers at 1305 hours at 21,000 feet, at (4600N - 1408E). 9 P-51's furnished close escort on withdrawal to 4520N - 1430E, where they left bombers at 1330 hours at 21,000 feet. The second formation, consisting of 12 P-51's furnished target area cover for the units of the assigned 304th Bomb Wing from 1308 to 1320 hours, and left the bombers at 1320 hours after they were relieved by the 31st Fighter Group. 28 P-51's down at base at 1545 hours. 1 at F.F. Formation Leader: Capt GLEND.

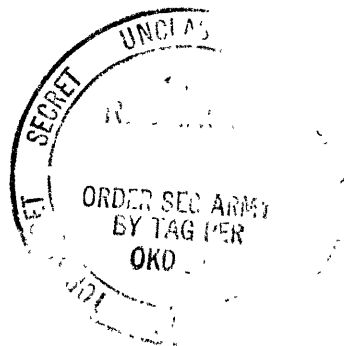
4. E/A (air):
a. Seen (not encountered): Nil.
b. Encountered: Nil.

5. FLAK: Nil.

6. OBSERVATIONS: At 1220 hours from 21,000 feet, 40 to 50 smoke pots were seen at LINZ, Austria. The smoke cloud was very dense, effective, and covered the entire city.

7. RADIO SECURITY: Satisfactory.

8. FRIENDLY A/C: Nil.



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- 9. STRAFING: Nil.
- 10. COMMENTS: Nil.
- 11. CORRECTIONS TO TELEPHONIC MISSION REPORT: Nil.

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NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 238 (First Wave)

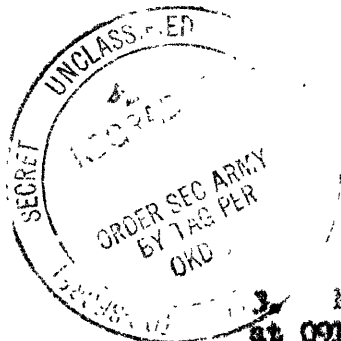
MISSION NO. 238 - 99th and 100th Fighter Squadrons.

1. MISSION: To provide close escort on penetration for the first wave of B-24's of the 304th Bomb Wing attacking NEALUPY O/R, Czechoslovakia.
2. AIRCRAFT STATISTICS: 27 off at 0915 hours. Effective sorties: 22. Non-effective sorties: 4 (1 mechanical, 1 escort, 2 weather).

10 A/C R/V at 1120 hours.

21 down at base at 1415 hours.

1 missing: Pilot was last contacted over R/T at 1132 hours in the area of 4814N - 1404E. Pilot reported he was at 17,000 feet and was bailing out. A subsequent search of the area for 25 minutes revealed neither A/C or chute.



3. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF MISSION: 26 P-51's took-off from Ramitelli A/D at 0915 hours. 4 P-51's returned early and were classed as RES. Proceeding on briefed course the formation became separated at approximately 4705N - 1350E, where at 1110 hours, the formation attempted to penetrate an overcast at 18,000 feet. After becoming separated, 10 P-51's continued on course and affected R/V with the assigned bombers at 1120 hours at 19,000 feet above a point believed to be 4825N - 1348E and proceeded to provide close escort on penetration. At 1150 hours at 20,000 feet above 4845N - 1335E, 6 P-51's returned to base because of fuel shortage. The remaining 4 P-51's of this formation continued as escort to the assigned bombers to 4922N - 1318E, where at 20,000 feet, the bombers encountered adverse weather at 1200 hours and turned Southward. These 4 P-51's continued escort on withdrawal to 4824N - 1415E, where at 20,000 feet they left the bombers at 1215 hours and began returning to base. At BIKRINKINCHEN (4813N - 1405E) these 4 P-51's strafed a train of 1 locomotive and 7 R R cars. Claims: 1 locomotive destroyed, 2 RR cars damaged. After strafing all 4 A/C returned directly to base. 12 P-51's of the original formation of 22 P-51's, having been separated in attempting to penetrate the overcast, continued on course in search of the assigned bombers. At 1132 hours at 4814N - 1404E, 1 of the pilots was heard to state he was bailing out at 17,000 feet. Base prevented observation of chute or aircraft. 4 P-51's R/V with 34 B-24's of 49th Bomb Wing at 4527N - 1435E at 1140 hours and furnished protective escort to LINE. Arriving at LINE at 1245 hours at 17,000 feet, these 4 P-51's returned to base. Another flight of 4 P-51's penetrated to 4839N - 1350E at 31,000 feet and began withdrawal from this point at 1145 hours after failing to contact bombers. 3 P-51's penetrated to 4922N - 1318E at 18,000 feet at 1150 hours, but failed to contact bombers and returned to base. 21 P-51's down at base at 1415 hours. Formation Leader: Capt CAMPBELL.

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4. E/A (air):
a. Seen (not encountered): Nil.
b. Encountered: Nil.

5. FLAK: Nil.

6. OBSERVATIONS: At 1230 hours from 15,000 feet, 18 to 20 trains composed of oil cars and flat cars, were seen in M/Y at LJUBLJANA (4604N - 1431E). Trains seemed to be loaded.

At 1229 hours from 16,000 feet, a pilot reports having seen a large fire at 4553N - 1408E.

7. RADIO SECURITY: Satisfactory.

8. FRIENDLY A/C: At 1125 hours at 18,000 feet above 4815N - 1342E, 7 P-51's of 325th Fighter Group investigated 4 A/C of our formation. Though our 4 A/C turned into the P-51's recognition was instant and no hostile action took place.

9. STRAFING: At 1220 hours, 4 P-51's strafed a short train at BUCHKIR-CHEN 4813N - 1405E. Claims are: 1 locomotive destroyed, 2 R R cars damaged.

10. COMMENTS: Nil.

11. CORRECTIONS TO TELEPHONIC MISSION REPORT: Nil.

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NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 237

MISSION NO. 237 - 301st Fighter Squadron.

1. MISSION: To provide close escort on penetration, furnish target cover, and provide close escort on withdrawal for a G-47 type aircraft to SANSKI MOST, Yugoslavia.
2. AIRCRAFT STATISTICS: 4 P-51's took off from Ramitelli A/D at 1208 hours. 4 effective sorties. Non-effective sorties: Nil.
 - 4 A/C R/V at 1302 hours.
 - 4 A/C over target at 1340 hours.
 - 4 A/C down at base at 1635 hours.
3. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF MISSION: 4 P-51's took off from Ramitelli A/D at 1208 hours. No NES. 4 P-51's effected R/V with assigned G-47 1302 hours, over Zara, Yugoslavia (4406N-1514E) at 8,000 feet and furnished close escort to the target, arriving at 1340 hours. Continuous cover was provided over the landing ground by the 4 P-51's at 8,000 feet, until the assigned G-47 became airborne at 1520 hours. The 4 P-51's then provided close escort on withdrawal, leaving the G-47 over Zara, Yugoslavia (4406N-1514E) at 1545 hours at 2,000 feet. 4 P-51's down at base at 1635 hours. Formation Leader: Captain Friend.
4. E/A (air)
 - a. Seen (not encountered) Nil.
 - b. Encountered: Nil.
5. FLAK: Nil.
6. OBSERVATIONS: At 1424 hours 1 black B-24 type A/C dropped supplies on Sanski Most A/D. 5 chutes were seen to open.
7. RADIO SECURITY: Satisfactory.
8. FRIENDLY A/C: Nil.
9. STRAFING: Nil.
10. COMMENTS: Nil.
11. CORRECTIONS TO TELEPHONE MISSION REPORT: Nil.



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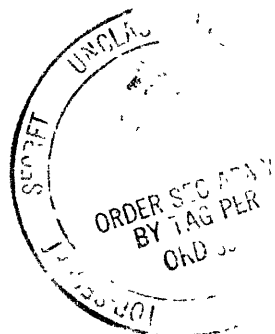
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NARRATIVE MESSAGE NUMBER NO. 236

MISSION NO. 236 - 301st Fighter Squadron.

1. MISSION: 4 P-51's took off from Ramitelli A/D at 1250 hours as close escort on PW for 1 Mosquito Rescue A/C, FISHHOOK 28, to the LIEZ - MUNICH Area. 4 P-51's N/V as briefed and furnished close escort on penetration to Linn. 2 P-51's became separated from Rescue A/C in clouds in T/A and returned independently to base. 2 P-51's furnished Rescue A/C close escort on withdrawal to Ramitelli A/D. All 4 P-51's down at base at 1735 hours. Mission was without incident. Formation Leader: Lt. Earning.

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NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 235

MISSION NO. 235 - 99th, 100th, 301st Fighter Squadrons.

1. MISSION: To provide close escort on penetration, target cover and withdrawal for B-24's of the 55th Bomb Wing attacking WUHLDORF M/Y.

2. AIRCRAFT STATISTICS: 45 P-51's took-off from Ramitelli A/D at 0952 hours. 44 effective sorties. Non-effective sorties: 1 mechanical.

44 A/R/V at 1203 hours. 44 A/C over target at 1221 hours.
44 A/C down at base at 1502 hours.

3. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF MISSION: 45 P-51's took-off from Ramitelli A/D at 0952 hours. 1 A/C returned early and was classed as NES. 44 P-51's effected R/V with the assigned bombers of the 55th Bomb Wing at 1203 hours at 21,000 feet above the area of briefed R/V point. (Zell Am See). Bombers were in 8 units. 44 P-51's furnished protective escort to the T/A arriving at 1221 hours at an altitude ranging from 19 to 22,000 feet. These 44 P-51's furnished T/A cover for the assigned bombers of the 55th Bomb Wing from 1221 to 1300 hours. 44 P-51's began withdrawal escort from the T/A at 1300 hours, at an altitude of 19 to 22,000 feet. Our last 8 A/C left the assigned bombers at 1400 hours at 17,000 feet above 4450N - 1508E. 44 P-51's down at base at 1502 hours. Formation Leader: Col. RAVIS.

4. E/A (air):

a. Seen (not encountered): At 1145 hours from 21,000 feet above 4640N - 1252E, pilots report having seen an enemy aircraft (believed to be jet-propelled) at 20,000 feet over the Brenner Pass area heading south.

b. Encountered: Nil.

5. FLAK: Nil.

6. OBSERVATIONS: At 1340 hours at 18,000 feet over 4545N - 1510E a B-17 with black markings on the vertical stabilizer joined a B-24 formation.

At 1230 hours from 20,500 feet, 20 to 25 smoke pots were seen along the SALZACH River, near BURGHAUSEN (4809N - 1246E). Smoke issued forth as though pots had just been set off. Smoke was not effective.

At 1230 hours in the T/A from 19,000 feet, pilots observed smoke covering an area of approximately 20 miles as though forming a smoke screen. Smoke was dense and effective.

7. RADIO SECURITY: Satisfactory.

8. FRIENDLY A/C: Nil.



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9. STRAFING: Nil.


10. COMMENTS: Before R/V, the Bombers were heard to state they were 5 minutes late.

At 1325 hours from 20,000 feet over 4642N - 1440E, on withdrawal from T/A, a pilot reports having heard a unit of escorted bombers to state over R/T that no escort was being furnished. Though this unit was being escorted, the fighters could not establish radio contact.

Thin cirrus clouds between R/V and T/A, from 19 to 22,000 feet affected escort by fighters.

11. CORRECTIONS TO TELEPHONIC MISSION REPORT: Nil.

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NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 233

MISSION NO. 233 - 100th Fighter Squadron.

1. MISSION: 5 P-51's took-off from Ramitelli A/D at 0811 hours as close escort on PTW for 1 Mosquito Recon A/C, FOUR SQUARE 24, to LINZ/MUNICH Area. 4 P-51's accomplished mission as briefed. 4 effective sorties. Non-effective sortie: 1 mechanical. 4 P-51's down at base at 1230 hours. Mission was without incident. Formation Leader: Lt PERKINS.

NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 234

MISSION NO. 234 - 301st Fighter Squadron.

1. MISSION: 6 P-51's took-off from Ramitelli A/D at 0856 hours as close escort on PTW for 1 Mosquito Recon A/C, FOUR SQUARE 7, to LINZ. 6 P-51's accomplished mission as briefed. 6 effective sorties. 6 P-51's down at base at 1331 hours. Mission was without incident. Formation Leader: Lt MOODY.

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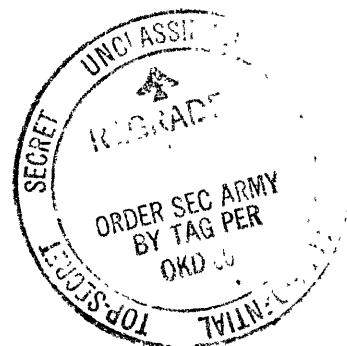
SUPPLEMENT TO NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 227, DATED 16 MARCH 1945.

1. Paragraph No. 6 should be amended to include the following observation that was reported on the morning of 17 March 1945.

At 1335 hours, on Wetzstein A/D (A8164 - 1228E), from deck level, a rather large installation, somewhat resembling an underground hangar, was observed. The installation was of white concrete or slate, and seemed to be under construction because of the great amount of activity surrounding it, and the small trains or hopper cars going in and out of it. This installation was approximately 1 mile from the Southwestern end of the field. Also located around this point was a large bivouac area, with approximately 40 barracks.

2. Paragraph No. 9 under claims of the 99th Fighter Squadron and also under total claims should be corrected to read: 4 M/T's destroyed on flat cars, in lieu of, 4 M/T's damaged on flat cars.

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MISSION NO. 231 - 100th Fighter Squadron.

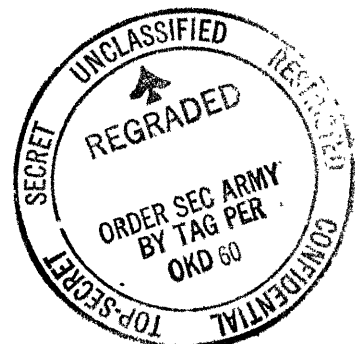
MISSION: 6 P-51's took off from Ramitelli A/D at 1033 hours to provide close escort on PTW for 1 P-38 Recon A/C, WHITEHORSE 8, to PRAGUE. 6 P-51's R/V as briefed, but only 4 received sorties. 4 effective sorties. 2 non-effective sorties (1 mechanical, 1 escort). 4 P-51's penetrated to 4840N - 1450E with Recon, where at 26,000 feet Recon encountered 10/10 cloud coverage at 1235 hours and returned to base. 4 P-51's down at base at 1400 hours. Mission was without incident. Formation Leader: Lt. L. Roberts.

NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 232

MISSION NO. 232 - 99th Fighter Squadron.

MISSION: 6 P-51's took off from Ramitelli A/D at 1003 hours to provide close escort on PTW for 1 P-38 Recon A/C, WHITEHORSE 10, to LINA. 6 P-51's R/V but only 4 P-51's accomplished mission as briefed. 4 effective sorties. 2 non-effective sorties (1 mechanical, 1 escort). 4 P-51's down at base at 1445 hours. Mission was without incident. Formation Leader: Lt. Cox.

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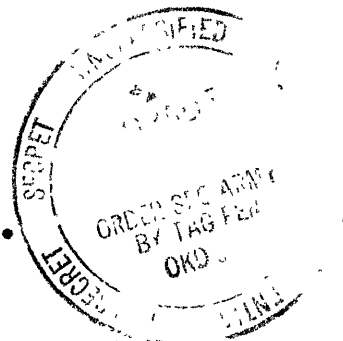
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NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 230

MISSION NO. 230 - 301st Fighter Squadron.

1. MISSION: To provide target and withdrawal cover for a force of 70 B-24's attacking MONFALCONE HARBOR, Italy.
2. AIRCRAFT STATISTICS: 6 off at 1350 hours. Effective sorties 6.

6 A/C over target at 1518 hours.
6 A/C down at 1730 hours.
3. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF MISSION: 6 P-51's took-off from Ramitelli A/D at 1350 hours. Heading on course as briefed, the 6 P-51's R/V with the assigned bomber force at 1518 hours in the T/A. Target area cover was furnished from 1518 to 1550 hours at an average altitude of 18,000 feet. After the last bombers had left the T/A, the 6 P-51's searched the area, then returned to base. All down at base at 1730 hours. Formation Leader: Lt MANNING.
4. E/A (air):
 - a. Seen (not encountered): Nil.
 - b. Encountered: Nil.
5. FLAK: Nil.
6. OBSERVATIONS: At 1535 hours from 18,000 feet, large columns of smoke were seen in the T/A.
7. RADIO SECURITY: Satisfactory.
8. FRIENDLY A/C: Nil.
9. STRAFING: Nil.
10. COMMENTS: Nil.
11. CORRECTIONS TO TELEPHONIC MISSION REPORT: Nil.



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NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 228

MISSION NO. 228 - 100th Fighter Squadron.

1. MISSION: 6 P-51's took off from Ramitelli A/D at 1132 hours to provide close escort on PW for 1 Mosquito A/C, PONSQUARE 16, to the MUNICH Area, Germany. 1 non-effective sortie (mechanical). Mission was without incident. 5 P-38's were seen 10 miles north of Munich, heading west, at 27,000 feet, at 1405 hours. 5 P-51's down at base at 1405 hours. 5 effective sorties. Formation Leader: Lt. Lane.

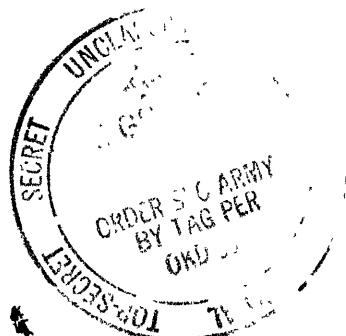
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MISSION NO. 229 - 99th Fighter Squadron.

1. MISSION: 6 P-51's took off from Ramitelli A/D at 1135 hours to provide close escort on PW for 1 Mosquito A/C, FISHHOOK 28, to PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia. No non-effective sorties. Mission was without incident. 1 P-51, short of fuel, landed at Ancona at 1643 hours and later returned to base. 6 P-51's down at base at 1750 hours. 6 effective sorties. Formation Leader: Lt. Harder.

2. OBSERVATIONS: At 1235 hours from 27,000 feet over Ljubjana an unidentified A/C was seen at 37,000 feet heading North. Persistent contrails led pilot to believe A/C was jet-propelled. At 1635 hours from 16,000 feet over Trieste Harbor a white ship believed to be Troop Transport was seen docked in the harbor.

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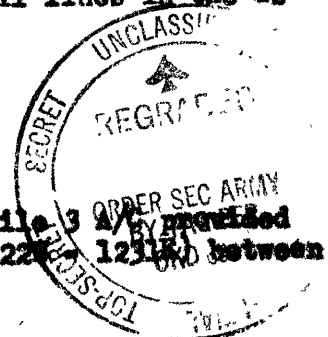
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NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 227

MISSION NO. 227 - 99th, 100th, 301st Fighter Squadrons.

1. MISSION: To strafe suitable Rail Targets on lines in the area bounded by 4810N - 1120E, 4900N - 1145E, 4900N - 1340E, 4810N - 1340E.
2. AIRCRAFT STATISTICS: 36 off at 1045 hours. Effective sorties: 31. Non-effective sorties: 4 mechanical, 1 cockpit.

31 A/C strafing from 1250 to 1345 hours.
30 A/C down at base at 1752 hours.
1 A/C lost at 1320 hours North of MUHL DORF 4816N - 1233E -
left wing of A/C struck a tree. Plane crashed and burned.
3. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF MISSION: 36 P-51's took-off from Ramitelli A/D at 1045 hours and proceeded on course to 4752N - 1225E where the 3 squadrons split. The 99th Fighter Squadron proceeded to EBERSBERG (4805N - 1158E) arriving at 1250 hours. The 100th Fighter Squadron continued to 4836N - 1216E arriving at 1300 hours. The 301st Fighter Squadron continued to 4819N - 1312E arriving at 1253 hours. From these points, 31 A/C strafed until 1345 hours and returned to base. (See strafing claims). Formation Leader: Major ROBERTS.
4. E/A (air):
 - a. Seen (not encountered): Nil.
 - b. Encountered: At 1330 hours at METTENHEIM A/D (4816N - 1228E) while approaching to strafe an ME-109 was seen that had just broken ground. Pilot fired and saw E/A cartwheel into the ground.
5. FLAK: IAL at PITTILING (4847N - 1252E), IAL at A/D at 4816N - 1228E. 2 planes hit - repairable.
6. OBSERVATIONS: At 1155 hours, 22,000 feet near 4457N - 1345E, a very large, red brilliant light was seen on the coast. Along the rail lines in the assigned T/A bridges were trimmed to resemble trains.
7. RADIO SECURITY: Satisfactory.
8. FRIENDLY A/C: Nil.
9. STRAFING: 99th Fighter Squadron: 8 A/C strafed while 3 A/C provided top cover from EBERSBERG (4805N - 1158E) to NEUMARKT (4822N - 1211E) between 1250 and 1355 hours. Claims are:



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2 Locomotives destroyed	5 Locomotives damaged
5 Box cars destroyed	45 Box cars damaged
	4 M/T's on flat cars damaged
	8 Buildings damaged

100th Fighter Squadron: 3 A/C strafed while 6 A/C provided top cover at each of the following points from 1300 until 1340 hours: 4836N - 1216E, 4848N 1220E, 4831N - 1200E, 4817N - 1177E. Claims are:

2 Locomotives Destroyed	2 Locomotives damaged
	5 Box cars damaged
	1 Baggage car damaged

301st Fighter Squadron: 3 A/C strafed while 8 A/C provided top cover at 4819N - 1312E and 4838N - 1311E from 1259 until 1300 hours. 11 A/C strafed from PLATTING (4847N - 1252E) to 4848N - 1246E between 1315 and 1325 hours. 5 A/C strafed the WETTENHEIM A/D (4816N - 1227E) and adjacent railroad from 1330 until 1335 hours. Claims are:

3 Locomotives destroyed	9 Locomotives damaged
1 Flak car destroyed	15 Box cars damaged
	3 Passenger cars damaged
	6 Coal cars damaged
	1 Oil car damaged
	1 Railway station damaged

On WETTENHEIM A/D

3 PW-190's destroyed	9 PW-190's damaged
1 JU-52 destroyed	2 ME-109's damaged
	1 PW-200 damaged
	1 Bi-plane (Tr) damaged
	1 Operations building damaged
	2 Barracks damaged

Total Claims are:

7 Locomotives Destroyed	4 M/T's on flat cars damaged
5 Box cars destroyed	1 Baggage car damaged
1 Flak car destroyed	1 Oil car damaged
3 PW-190's destroyed	16 Locomotives damaged
1 JU-52 destroyed	6 Coal cars damaged
65 Box cars damaged	3 Passenger cars damaged
9 PW-190's damaged	2 ME-109's damaged
8 Buildings damaged	1 Railway station damaged
1 PW-200 damaged	1 Bi-plane (Tr) damaged
1 Operations Bldg damaged	2 Barracks damaged

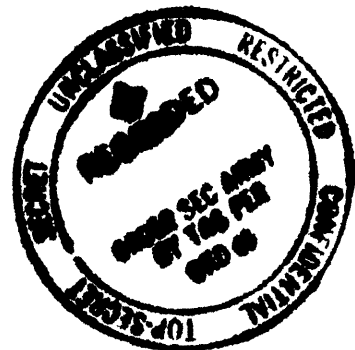


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10. COMMENTS: NIL.

11. CORRECTIONS TO TELEPHONIC MISSION REPORT: NIL.

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10. COMMENTS: The 52nd Fighter Group had made R/V when we R/V. Bombers called that they would be at least 16 minutes late. A thick haze upto 29,000 feet prevented 14 P-51's from locating the bombers.

11. CORRECTIONS TO TELEPHONIC MISSION REPORT: Nil.

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NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 226.

MISSION NO. 226 - 99th, 100th, 301st Fighter Squadrons.

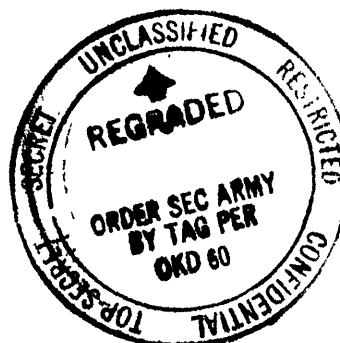
1. MISSION: To provide close escort on penetration to B-17's of the 5th Bomb Wing to ZITTAU (5050N - 1440E), Germany.
2. AIRCRAFT STATISTICS: 55 off at 1026 hours. Effective sorties: 49. Non-effective sorties: 6 mechanical.

31 A/C R/V at 1258 hours. 28 A/C penetrated until 1355 hours.

3. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF MISSION: 55 P-51's took-off from Ramitelli A/D at 1026 hours and proceeded on course. At 1235 hours at 25,000 feet over AMSTETTEN, flak broke up the formation and 4 P-51's returned to base. Proceeding on course, 31 P-51's R/V with B-17's of the 5th Bomb Wing at 1258 hours, 25,000 feet over 4820N - 1510E and 28 P-51's provided escort on penetration to 5050N - 1440E where they left the bombers at 1355 hours at an altitude of 25,000 feet. At 1300 hours 3 P-51's were dispatched as escort for an early returning B-17. 14 P-51's failed to locate the B-17's and proceeded to 5020N - 1430E arriving at 1340 hours, at 27,000 feet and returned to base from this point. Returning to base, 4 P-51's picked up a lone B-17 just East of PRAHA at 1355 hours, at 23,000 feet and gave escort to 4630N - 1500E, where they left the bomber at 1455 hours, 23,000 feet. All down at base at 1602 hours. Formation Leader: Capt CROCKETT.

4. E/A (air):
 - a. Seen (not encountered): 4 unidentified SE A/C seen at 1240 hours, 25,000 feet above an A/D believed to be at AMSTETTEN. 2 of these A/C were taking off and 2 were on the ground.
 - b. Encountered: Nil.

5. FLAK: IAH at AMSTETTEN (broke up formation - no planes hit).
6. OBSERVATIONS: Nil.
7. RADIO SECURITY: Satisfactory.
8. FRIENDLY A/C: Nil.
9. STRAFING: Nil.



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15 March 1945.

NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 225

MISSION NO. 225 - 301st Fighter Squadron, and 100th Fighter Squadron.

1. MISSION: To provide target cover for a Special mission covering the area from FLOTSAM to GEISHA, Yugoslavia.

2. AIRCRAFT STATISTICS: 8 off at 1034 hours. 8 effective sorties. Non-effective sorties: None.

8 A/C over FLOTSAM at 1202 hours. 8 A/C over GEISHA at 1250 hours.
6 A/C over FLOTSAM at 1350 hours.
8 A/C down at base at 1559 hours.

3. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF MISSION: 8 P-51's took-off from Ramitelli A/D at 1034 hours and proceeded on course to FLOTSAM, Yugoslavia. The P-51's entered the T/A at 1202 hours and covered the area around FLOTSAM from 1202 to 1230 hours from 10,000 to 12,000 feet. 8 B-24's passed FLOTSAM at 1225 hours. The 8 P-51's then proceeded to GEISHA, Yugoslavia and covered the area from 1250 to 1325 hours at 6,000 feet. 5 Halifaxes and 4 Spitfires were seen in this area at 1310 hours. 6 of the P-51's returned to FLOTSAM and covered that area from 1350 to 1458 hours at 10,000 feet. 2 P-51's left the T/A at 1345 hours because of mechanical trouble, and returned to base. From 1415 hours to 1430 hours, 30 to 40 B-24's were seen in the FLOTSAM Area. All down at base at 1559 hours. Formation Leader: Capt DOWNS.

4. E/A (air):
a. Seen (not encountered): Nil.
b. Encountered: Nil.

5. FLAK: Nil.

6. OBSERVATIONS: Nil.

7. RADIO SECURITY: Satisfactory.

8. FRIENDLY A/C: Nil.

9. STRAFING: Nil.

10. COMMENTS: Multi-layer of clouds in the T/A from 6,000 to 16,000 feet made visual contact and reference difficult.

11. CORRECTIONS TO TELEPHONIC MISSION REPORT: Nil.



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NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 223

MISSION NO. 223 - 100th Fighter Squadron.

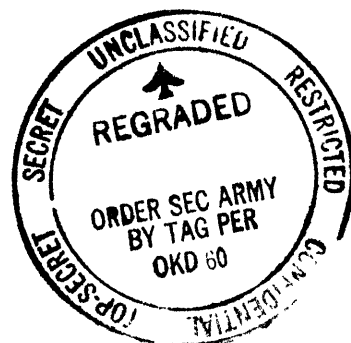
1. MISSION: 6 P-51's off at 1102 hours to provide close escort on PTW for 1 Mosquito Recce A/C, using call sign FOURSQUARE 21, to MUNICH. 6 P-51's R/V, but only 4 P-51's accomplished mission as briefed. 4 effective sorties, 2 non-effective sorties (1 mechanical, 1 cockpit). At 1330 hours at 26,000 feet above 4830N - 1050E, an ME 262 was seen at 6 o'clock at 32,000 feet, descending. The ME 262 made a 180 degree turn at approximately 29,000 feet and disappeared. The contrails were persistent for approximately 5 minutes. 4 P-51's down at base at 1510 hours. Mission was without incident. Formation Leader: Capt Holselaw.

NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 224

MISSION NO 224 - 301st Fighter Squadron.

1. MISSION: 6 P-51's took off from Ramitelli A/D at 1200 hours to provide close escort on PTW for 1 Mosquito A/C, using call sign FOURSQUARE 24, to MUNICH, Germany. 5 P-51's R/V and furnished PTW as briefed. 5 effective sorties, 1 non-effective sortie (1 mechanical). 5 P-51's down at base at 1630 hours. Mission was without incident. Formation Leader: Capt Friend.

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14 March 1945.

NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 222

MISSION NO. 222 - 100th and 304th Fighter Squadrons.

1. MISSION: To provide route cover on penetration, target cover and withdrawal for B-24's of the 47th Bomb Wing to VARAZDIN RAILROAD BRIDGE and N/Y, Yugoslavia.

2. AIRCRAFT STATISTICS: 24 off at 1007 hours. 24 effective sorties. Non-effective sorties: None.

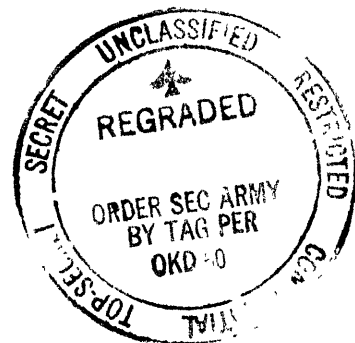
12 A/C R/V at 1131 hours. 11 A/C R/V at 1140 hours. 1 A/C R/V at 1120 hours. 19 A/C over target at 1200 hours.
24 A/C down at base at 1430 hours.

3. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF MISSION: 24 P-51's took-off from Ramitelli A/D at 1007 hours and proceeded on course to R/V with B-24's of the 47th Bomb Wing early and South of the briefed R/V point. 1 P-51 that had fallen behind the formation R/V with the 47th Bomb Wing at 1120 hours at 24,000 feet over 4425N - 1525E and furnished penetration escort to 4545N - 1520E where at 1205 hours this P-51 returned as escort to an early returning B-24. 12 P-51's R/V with the assigned bombers of the 47th Bomb Wing at 1131 hours, 21,000 feet over 4550N - 1517E and provided escort for the lead bombers to VARAZDIN arriving at 1200 hours at 24,000 feet. Target cover was furnished until 1235 hours and escort on withdrawal was furnished to 4355N - 1557E where 12 P-51's left the bombers at 1300 hours, 19,000 feet. 7 P-51's R/V with 2 sections of the 47th Bomb Wing and 4 P-51's R/V with approximately 39 bombers of the 55th Bomb Wing at 1140 hours, 22,000 feet above 4515N - 1515E. 7 of these P-51's provided escort on penetration to B-24's of the 47th Bomb Wing to VARAZDIN arriving at 1200 hours, 22,000 feet. At 1250 hours at 4540N - 1540E, P-51's left the bombers to investigate some unescorted bombers in the area. These were found to be bombers of the 304th Bomb Wing and escort on withdrawal was furnished then to 4423N - 1510E, where they were left at 1310 hours at 18,000 feet. The 4 P-51's that R/V with the 55th Bomb Wing, provided escort on penetration to 4730N - 1710E where they left them at 1255 hours at an altitude of 23,000 feet and returned to base. All down at base at 1430 hours. Formation Leader: Capt McDANIEL.

4. E/A (air):
a. Seen (not encountered): Nil.
b. Encountered: Nil.

5. FLAK: Nil.

6. OBSERVATIONS: Nil.



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7. RADIO SECURITY: Satisfactory.

8. FUELING: NIL.

9. STRAPPING: NIL.

10. COMMENTS: After H/V bombers of the 47th Bomb Wing split into approximately 7 sections of 10 bombers each. Escort had to be spread out to cover the sections.

11. CORRECTIONS TO TELEPHONE MISSION REPORT: NIL.

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NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 221

MISSION NO. 221 - 99th Fighter Squadron.

1. MISSION: To strafe Rail Targets on the BRUCK, LEODEN, STEYR Rail Line.
2. AIRCRAFT STATISTICS: 21 off at 0828 hours. 21 effective sorties. Non-effective sorties: None.

21 A/C strafing from 1003 to 1124 hours.
20 A/C down at base at 1300 hours.

1 A/C lost. Pilot bailed out at 1115 hours at 4738N - 1439E, was last seen about to land in the snow halfway up a mountain. Cause unknown.

3. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF MISSION: 21 F-51's took-off from Ramitelli A/D at 0828 hours and proceeded on course to BRUCK arriving at 1000 hours. 21 A/C strafed between BRUCK and TERNBERG (4757N - 1422E) from 1003 until 1112 hours and North of GRAZ at 4714N - 1519E from 1119 to 1124 hours. (See strafing claims). Formation Leader: Capt CAMPBELL.

4. E/A (air):
 - a. Seen (not encountered): Nil.
 - b. Encountered: Nil.

5. FLAK: MAL at LEODEN (4723N - 1502E) - MAL at HIEFLAU (4730N - 1445E).

6. OBSERVATIONS: Nil.

7. RADIO SECURITY: Satisfactory.

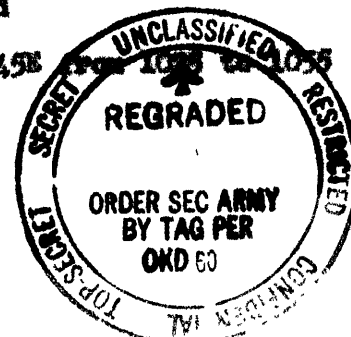
8. FRIENDLY A/C: Nil.

9. STRAFING: 17 A/C strafed between BRUCK and LEODEN 4724N - 1509E from 1003 hours until 1020 hours. Claims are: (1)

2 Locomotives destroyed
3 Box cars destroyed
1 Warehouse set on fire

1 Locomotive damaged
33 Box cars damaged
8 Flat cars damaged
4 Oil cars damaged
5 MT's damaged

19 A/C strafed between 4725N - 1501E and 4737N - 1445E hours. Claims are: (2)



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3 Locomotives destroyed
6 Box cars destroyed.

6 Steam Locomotives and 1 electric
locomotive damaged
70 Box cars damaged
3 Flat cars damaged
2 H/Es damaged
1 R R station damaged.

19 A/C strafed between 4737N - 1445E and 4757N - 1422E from 1055 to 1112
hours. Claims are: (3)

4 Locomotives destroyed
14 Box cars damaged
5 Flat cars damaged
4 Oil cars damaged
2 Railway buildings damaged
1 Power station damaged
2 Railway stations damaged

4 A/C strafed at 4714N - 1519E from 1119 to 1124 hours. Claims are: (4)

1 Locomotive damaged
21 Flat cars damaged
10 Box cars damaged

Total Claims are:

9 Locomotives destroyed
9 Box cars destroyed

8 Steam Locomotives and 1 electric locomotive
damaged
127 Box cars damaged
37 Flat cars damaged
8 Oil cars damaged
7 Motor Transports on Flat cars damaged
3 R R stations damaged
2 R R buildings damaged
1 Power station damaged
1 Warehouse (left burning).

10. COMMENTS: NIL.

11. CORRECTIONS TO TELEPHONIC MISSION REPORT: NIL.

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NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 220

MISSION NO. 220 - 99th, 100th, 301st Fighter Squadrons.

1. MISSION: To provide close escort on PTW for the lead 3 groups of B-17's of the 5th Bomb Wing to REGENSBURG M/Y, Germany.

2. AIRCRAFT STATISTICS: 52 off at 1125 hours. 44 effective sorties. Non-effective sorties: 4 mechanical, 4 cockpit.

44 A/C R/V at 1322 hours. 44 A/C over target at 1338 hours.
44 A/C down at base at 1620 hours.

3. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF MISSION: 52 P-51's took-off from Ramitelli A/D at 1125 hours and proceeded on course to effect R/V with the 5th Bomb Wing at 1322 hours at 27,000 feet above 4830N - 1210E (16 minutes behind and Northwest of briefed R/V time). 44 P-51's furnished penetration escort to REGENSBURG arriving at 1338 hours at 26,000 feet to 30,000 feet and furnished target cover until 1355 hours. Escort on withdrawal was furnished the assigned B-17's of the 5th Bomb Wing to 4500N - 1440E where our last 10 A/C left the bombers at 1500 hours at 22,000 feet. Formation Leader: Capt GLEED.

4. E/A (air):

a. Seen (not encountered): At 1450 hours at approximately 4630N - 1340E at an altitude of 25,000 feet, 2 FW-190's were seen heading in an East, Northeast direction. The FW-190's were black and out of range.

b. Encountered: Nil.

5. FLAK: Nil.

6. OBSERVATIONS: Large columns of smoke observed in T/A and appeared to rise upto 10,000 feet.

7. RADIO SECURITY: Satisfactory.

8. FRIENDLY A/C: Nil.

9. STRAFING: Nil.

10. COMMENTS: Bombers called that they were 10 minutes early at R/V. Fighters were 5 minutes late. R/V was 16 minutes late.





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11. CORRECTIONS TO TELEPHONIC MISSION REPORT: Nil.

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NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 218

MISSION NO. 218 - 100th Fighter Squadron.

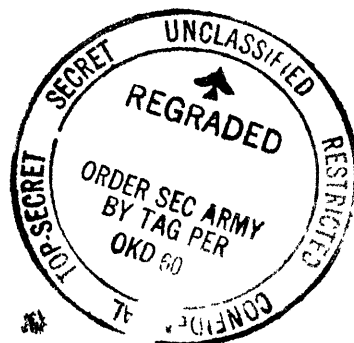
1. MISSION: 6 P-51's off at 1133 hours to provide close escort on PTW for 1 P-38 Recce A/C, GRASSLAND 158 to STUTTGART, Germany. PTW was provided to AUGSBURG (4822N - 1053E) - REUTLINGEN (4830N - 0913E) area and on return to Ramitelli A/D. 1 NES, Mechanical. 1 P-51 left formation at 1345 hours, 25,000 feet in T/A and returned to base. 4 P-51's down at base at 1630 hours. 5 effective sorties. Mission without incident. LT. BROWN

NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO 219

MISSION NO. 219 - 301st Fighter Squadron.

1. MISSION: 6 P-51's off at 1155 hours to provide close escort on PTW for 1 P-38 Recce A/C, GRASSLAND 152, to NURNBURG Area. 6 ES. Mission was without incident except, 1 P-51 took-off 10 minutes late and tried to catch formation. At 1255 hours, 23,000 feet, at 4653N - 1222E, 1 FW-190 of solid black color made a hostile approach. Lone P-51 dropped tanks and turned in to attack. As P-51 closed in he saw a second FW-190 coming down on him out of the sun from 4 o'clock above. P-51 split 8'd and returned to base. The FW-190's followed P-51 to coast (4545N - 1303E) but did not get within firing range. 5 P-51's down at base at 1720 hours. 6 effective sorties. CAPT. DOWNS

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NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 217

MISSION: G. 217 - 99th, 100th, 301st Fighter Squadrons.

1. **MISSION:** To provide close escort on penetration, target cover and withdrawal for B-24's of the 47th Bomb Wing attacking FLAKBARRAGE O/R in the Vienna Area.

2. **AIRCRAFT STATISTICS:** 51 off at 1036 hours. 48 effective sorties. Non-effective sorties: 2 mechanical, 1 cockpit.

48 A/C R/V at 1209 hours.
44 over target at 1305 hours.
44 down at base at 1541 hours.

3. **NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF MISSION:** 51 P-51's took off from Ramitelli A/D at 1036 hours and proceeded on course to affect P/V with the 47th Bomb Wing at 1209 hours at 26,000 feet above 4705N - 1430E (17 minutes ahead and one south of briefed P/V). 48 P-51's furnished penetration escort to 4742N - 1430E, where at 1220 hours, at 26,000 feet the P-51's returned to base and received sorties. 40 P-51's continued to 4812N - 1452E where at 1229 hours at 27,000 feet two additional P-51's were forced to turn back. They too received sorties. 44 P-51's furnished T/A cover from 1305 to 1335 hours, at an average altitude of 26,000 feet. Escort on withdrawal was furnished the assigned B-24's of the 47th Bomb Wing to 4497N - 1514E, where our last 17 A/C left the bombers at 1435 hours. All down at base at 1541 hours.
Formation Leader: Captain Campbell.

4. **E/A (air):**

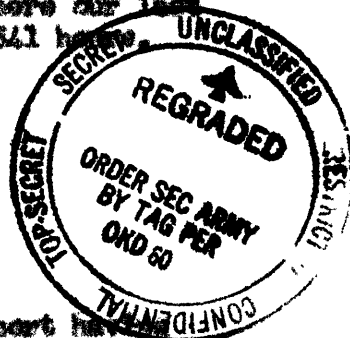
- a. Seen (not encountered): Nil.
- b. Encountered: Nil.

5. **FLAK:** Nil.

6. **OBSERVATIONS:** At 1145 hours from 26,000 feet, pilots report having seen fires in the city of Klagenfurt. At 1430 hours at 6,000 feet at approximately 4415N - 1515E 2 of our A/C attempted to investigate 2 bogies (flying north on the deck) but lost the bogies in the haze.

7. **RADIO SECURITY:** Satisfactory.

8. **FRIENDLY A/C:** At 1330 hours at 26,000 feet above 4745N - 1517E 2 of our A/C intercepted and escorted a B-24 (with 2 engines on fire) towards the Russian lines. The escorted B-24 used call sign FIVEEER 1, and was lost in the clouds at 1400 hours at 20,000 feet at approximately 4617N - 1705E. The bomber was heard to state over R/T that he could remain aloft fifteen more minutes before having to abandon the A/C.



MISSION 217 (CONTINUED).

At 1300 hours from 26,000 feet above 14350 - 14500, pilots report having heard an A/C using SIG BAN call sign calling SIG FIGAS that he was being jumped by enemy aircraft. At 1330 hours a subsequent call was answered by friendly fighters who asked for the attacked planes' position.

9. TELETYPE: Nil.

10. COMMENTS: Nil.

11. CORRECTION TO TELETYPE MISSION REPORT: Nil.

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NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 215

MISSION NO. 215 - 99th Fighter Squadron.

1. MISSION: 6 P-51's off at 0930 hours to provide close escort on PTW for 1 P-38 Race A/C, WHITEHORSE 12, to LINZ Area. 1 NES (mechanical). Race A/C returned via Ljubljana, Yugoslavia. 5 P-51's down at base at 1340 hours. 5 effective sorties. Mission without incident. LT. RODGERS

NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 216

MISSION NO: 216 - 301st Fighter Squadron.

MISSION: 6 P-51's off at 1051 hours to provide close escort on PTW for 1 P-38 Race A/C, CONVENT 65, to MUNICH, GERMANY. 1 NES (Mechanical). Mission accomplished as briefed. 5 P-51's down at 1544 hours. 5 effective sorties. Mission without incident. LT. HARRIS

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NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 214

MISSION NO. 214 - 99th, 100th, 301st Fighter Squadrons.

1. MISSION: To provide close escort on penetration, target cover and withdrawal for B-17's of the 5th Bomb Wing to BRUCK M/Y, Austria.

2. AIRCRAFT STATISTICS: 15 off at 0933 hours. 13 effective sorties. Non-effective sorties: 1 cockpit, 1 escort.

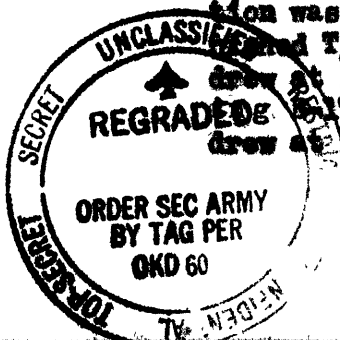
28 off at 1050 hours. 26 effective sorties. Non-effective sorties: 1 cockpit, 1 weather.

13 R/V with first force of B-17's at 1127 hours. 26 R/V with second force of B-17's at 1233 hours. 7 over BRUCK at 1305 hours. 10 over GRAZ at 1245 hours. 20 over GRAZ at 1415 hours. All down at base at 1555 hours.

3. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF MISSION: 15 P-51's took-off from Ramitelli A/D at 0933 hours as escort to first force of B-17's of 5th Bomb Wing. 2 P-51's returned early and were classed as NES. Proceeding on briefed course, 13 P-51's R/V with B-17's of the assigned 5th Bomb Wing at 1127 hours at 26,000 feet above 4645N - 1406E (briefed R/V point). At 1145 hours, 3 of the escorting P-51's left the formation at 26,500 feet above 4800N - 1500E and returned directly to base and received sorties. 10 P-51's continued as escort for the assigned B-17's to GRAZ, arriving at 1245 hours at 26,500 feet. At this point the two escorted sections of B-17's split up, with one section returning to BRUCK with an escort of 7 P-51's at 1305 hours, and remaining until 1310 hours at an average altitude of 26,500 feet. The second section of B-17's headed eastward from GRAZ with an escort of 3 P-51's. These 3 P-51's left the B-17's at 20,000 feet above 4705N - 1645E because of fuel shortage and returned directly to base. The 7 P-51's escorting the section to BRUCK also furnished escort on withdrawal to 4647N - 1545E, where the B-17's were left at 1303 hours at 26,000 feet. All down at base at 1430 hours.

L.T. NELSON

28 P-51's took-off from Ramitelli A/D at 1050 hours as escort to second force of B-17's of 5th Bomb Wing. 2 P-51's returned early and were classed as NES. Proceeding on course as briefed, 26 P-51's R/V with the assigned B-17's at 1233 hours at 27,000 feet at 4645N - 1430E. Escort on penetration was furnished to BRUCK at 1335 hours, thence to GRAZ where 20 A/C furnished T/A cover at 29,000 feet from 1415 to 1435 hours. 4 P-51's withdrew at 1322 hours from 26,000 feet above 4808N - 1505E with an early return. 2 P-51's penetrated to 4758N - 1526E at 27,000 feet and withdrew at 1326 hours and received sorties. 20 P-51's withdrew with the as-



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signed B-17's from GRAZ at 1435 hours. withdrawal escort was furnished to 4527N - 1435E, where the last 10 P-51's left the bombers at 1455 hours. All down at base at 1555 hours.

LT. HARDER

4. E/A (air):

a. Seen (not encountered): At 1320 hours above 4753N - 1440E from 26,000 feet, 1 unidentified A/C seen heading Northeast at 22,500 feet. It was black with elliptical wings, slim fuselage and a narrow nose.

b. Encountered: Nil.

5. FLAK: Nil.

6. OBSERVATIONS: At 1245 hours over GRAZ from 28,000 feet, 1 B-24 seen in a spiral. It was last seen at 23,000 feet. At 1435 hours above 4551N - 1512E from an altitude of 9,000 feet a large splash was seen about one half mile in front of approximately 30 B-24's.

7. RADIO SECURITY: Satisfactory.

8. FRIENDLY A/C: Nil.

9. STRAFING: Nil.

10. COMMENTS: Nil.

11. CORRECTION TO TELEPHONIC MISSION REPORT: Report: MES should have been 2 cockpit, 1 escort and 1 weather.

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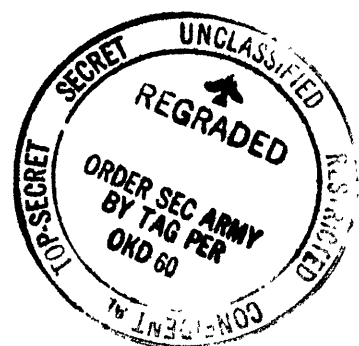
NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 213

MISSION NO. 213 - 300th Fighter Squadron.

1. MISSION: 6 P-51's off at 1050 hours to provide close escort on PTW for 1 P-38 Recon A/C, CONVENT 57, to MINICH AREA. 2 NRS, 1 mechanical, 1 escort. PTW furnished as briefed. 4 P-51's down at base at 1525 hours. 4 effective sorties. Mission without incident.

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NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 212

MISSION NO. 212 - 301st Fighter Squadron.

1. MISSION: 6 P-51's off at 0937 hours to provide close escort on PTW for 1 P-38, WHITEHORSE 7, to LINZ area. PTW as briefed. 10/10 overcast over LINZ, escort provided to 4810H - 1210E and on return to RANIELLI A/D. All down at base at 1421 hours. 6 sorties. Mission was without incident.

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NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 211

MISSION NO. 211 - 100th Fighter Squadron.

1. MISSION: 5 P-51's off at 0800 to provide close escort on ITW for 1 P-52 Photo Recon W/C, GRACELAND 149, to MUNICH, Germany. 5 effective sorties. ITW furnished as briefed, but 10/10 overcast up to 26,000 feet over T/A prevented Recon from taking pictures. All down at base at 1320 hours. LT. LANE

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OPERATIVE MESSAGE NUMBER 210.

MESSAGE NO. 210 - 90th Fighter Squadron.

1. MESSAGE: 4 P-51's off to provide close escort on RT for 1 P-38
Reece A/C, White Horse 1 to Klagenfurt, Linz Area. 4 non effective
sorties. Mission not accomplished because of overcast from deck level
up to 8,000 feet. All down at base at 0954.

LT. HARDER

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4 March 1945.

NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 209

MISSION NO. 209 - 100th Fighter Squadron.

1. MISSION: 5 P-51's off to provide close escort on PTW for 1 Mosquito
Beece A/C, FOUR SQUARE 26, to MUNICH. 5 effective sorties. PTW furnished
as briefed. Mission was without incident. All down at base at 1428 hours.
At 1325 hrs from 20,000 ft 3 speed boats were sighted at 4500N - 1240E heading
SE.

LT. NELSON

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NARRATIVE MISSION NO. 208

MISSION NO. 208 - 99th, 100th, 301st Fighter Squadrons.

1. MISSION: To provide route cover on penetration, target cover and withdrawal for B-24's of the 49th Bomb Wing attacking GRAZ W/Y.
2. AIRCRAFT STATISTICS: 39 off at 0945 hours. 6 off at 1030 hours. 42 effective sorties. Non-effective sorties: 2 mechanical, 1 escort.

27 A/C R/V at 1210 hours. 7 A/C R/V at 1115 hours.
34 A/C over target at 1250 hours.
All down at base at 1446 hours.

3. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF MISSION: 39 P-51's took-off from Ranitelli A/D at 0945 hours. 6 P-51's took-off on same mission at 1030 hours. 3 P-51's returned early and were classed as RES. Proceeding on course 7 A/C R/V at 1115 hours at 23,000 feet above 4511W - 1442E and 27 A/C R/V at 1210 hours at 25,000 feet above 4637W - 1431E. Bombers were 29 minutes late. 8 A/C did not R/V but penetrated to the target along the briefed route. 34 P-51's proceeded on course as route cover on penetration to the assigned bombers of the 49th Bomb Wing. 3 A/C returned with early returning bombers and received sorties. 34 P-51's furnished target cover from 1258 to 1310 hours at an average altitude of 26,000 feet. 5 P-51's returned to base from T/A after furnishing penetration escort and received sorties. 34 P-51's began withdrawal escort at 1310 hours at 26,000 feet and furnished escort on withdrawal 4422W - 1508E, where the last 13 A/C left the bombers at 1345 hours at 16,000 feet. All down at base at 1446 hours. Formation Leader: Col DAVIS.

4. B/A (air):
 - a. Seen (not encountered): Nil.
 - b. Encountered: Nil.

5. FLAK: Nil.

6. OBSERVATIONS: At 1310 hours from 26,000 feet a large fire was seen of GRAZ at a point believed to be 4700W - 1546E.

7. RADIO SECURITY: Satisfactory.

8. FRIENDLY A/C: At 1305 hours from 26,000 feet 6 chutes were seen to open as 1 Red Tail B-24 spun down trailing black smoke. Seen in T/A.

9. STRAPING: Nil.
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10. COMMENTS: NIL.

11. CORRECTIONS TO TELEPHONE MISSION REPORT: NIL.

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NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 207

MISSION NO. 207 - 100th and 301st Fighter Squadrons.

1. MISSION: To strafe suitable rail targets between MARIBOR, BRUCK and WEINER-NEUSTADT.

2. AIRCRAFT STATISTICS: 24 off at 1140 hours. 23 effective sorties. Non-effective sorties: 1 cockpit.

23 A/C in target area at 1315 hours. 21 down at base at 1530 hours.
2 A/C are missing.

Its Martin and Simmons were last seen as they descended to strafe an A/D at 4659N - 1527E at 1410 hours.

3. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF MISSION: 24 P-51's of the 100th and 301st Fighter Squadrons took-off from Ramitelli A/D at 1140 hours. 1 returned early and was classed as MES. 23 A/C proceeded to Maribor, Yugoslavia, arriving at 1315 hours at 10,000 feet. Proceeding northwestward along the Maribor-Graz railway, 4 A/C of the 100th Fighter Squadron descended to strafe parked box cars at 4647N-1532E from 1330 to 1340 hours and returned to base with a resultant damage of 7 box cars and 1 passenger car. At 1335 hours 7 A/C became separated from the group formation by damaging flak from the strafed area (4647N - 1532E) and after searching the area between Gliessdorf (4705N - 1545E) and a point 4655N - 1600E and Radkersburg (4640N - 1608E, these 7 A/C returned to base. 4 A/C continued northward past Bruck and failing to observe any moving rail targets or suitable targets of opportunity continued their search in a northeastward direction along the double track railroad to 4738N - 1550E. At this point (4738N - 1550E) they executed a 180 degree turn southwestward with 3 A/C descending and strafing parked box cars on a siding near the town of Langenwang (4735N - 1537E) from 1400 to 1405 hours. Of the 8 A/C remaining in the Graz area, 2 A/C descended at 1410 hours to strafe an A/D just south of Graz at 4659N - 1527E. These A/C are missing. The last A/C departed the target area at 1415 hours. Pilots report no moving rail traffic available to their farthest point of penetration. Formation Leader: Captain McDaniel.

4. E/A (air)

- a. Seen (not encountered) Nil.
- b. Encountered: Nil.

5. FLAK: M A L at 4647N - 1532E - - 1 P-51 damaged - repairable
M A L at 4735N - 1537E - - 1 P-51 damaged - repairable

6. OBSERVATIONS: Nil.



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7. RADIO SECURITY: Satisfactory.
8. FRIENDLY A/C: Nil.
9. STRAFING: 7 box cars and 1 passenger car damaged at 4647N - 1532E.
2 box cars damaged at 4735N - 1537E.
10. COMMENTS: Nil.
11. CORRECTION TO TELEPHONE REPORT: Nil.

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OPERATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 206

MISSION NO. 206 - 99th, 100th, 301st Fighter Squadrons.

1. MISSION: To provide close escort on P-51's for B-24's of the 304th Bomb Wing attacking LI-EZ N/Y.

2. AIRCRAFT STATISTICS: 36 off at 1110 hours. 34 effective sorties. Non-effective sorties: 1 mechanical, 1 escort.

23 A/C R/V at 1320 hours. 11 A/C R/V at 1325 hours.
34 A/C over target at 1345 hours.
34 A/C down at base at 1601 hours.

3. OPERATIVE DESCRIPTION OF MISSION: 36 P-51's took-off from Resitelli A/D at 1110 hours. Proceeding on course in a 3 squadron group formation, 23 A/C of the 100th and 301st Fighter Squadrons R/V with B-24's of the 304th Bomb Wing at 1320 hours, 27,000 feet above 4805N - 1227W. 5 minutes later 11 A/C of the 99th Fighter Squadron R/V with B-24's of the 304th Bomb Wing at 4837N - 1245E, 29,000 feet above 4837N - 1245E. The 3 squadrons furnished close escort on penetration to the target area arriving at 1345 hours from 26,000 to 28,000 feet. At 1349 hours in the target area, 8 P-51's of the 99th Fighter Squadron became separated from the escort and withdrew with 1 group of B-24's of the 49th Bomb Wing and provided escort on withdrawal to 4405N - 1506E where they left the bombers at 1515 hours at 25,000 feet. 26 P-51's furnished target cover for B-24's of the 304th Bomb Wing from 1345 to 1415 hours from 26,000 to 28,000 feet. Escort on withdrawal was furnished to 4350N - 1510E where the last 11 P-51's left the bombers at 1530 hours at an altitude of 19,000 feet. P-51's returned directly to base. Formation Leader: Captain Holsclaw.

4. E/A (air)
a. Seen (not encountered) Nil.
b. Encountered: Nil.

5. FLAK: Nil.

6. OBSERVATIONS: Nil.

7. RADIO SECURITY: Satisfactory.

8. FRIENDLY A/C: Nil.

9. STRAFING: Nil.

10. COMMENTS: Nil



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11. CORRECTIONS TO TELEPHONE REPORT: NLI

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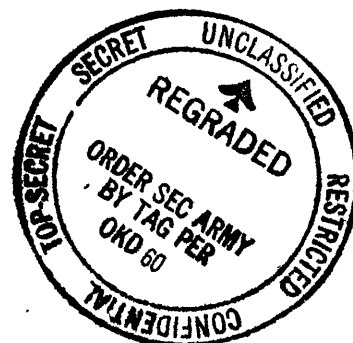
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MISSION NO. 205 - 301st Fighter Squadron.

1. **MISSION:** 6 P-51's off to provide close escort on P-38 Recon WHITE HORSE 3 to PRAGA, Czechoslovakia, 6 effective sorties. 2 P-51's withdrew after penetrating to 4925N - 1440E and received sorties. Mission was without incident. All down at base at 1504 hours.

2. **REMARKS:** At 1220 hours, 22,000 feet at a point believed to be AMSTETTEN (4800N - 1490E) the above mentioned 2 P-51's observed 5 U/I B/A taking off from an A/D East of the city.

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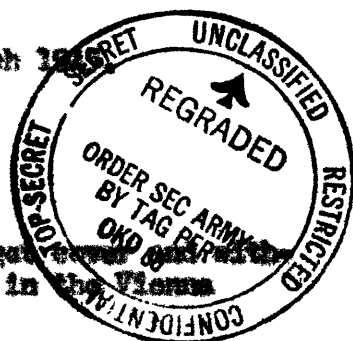
MISSION NO. 204 - 99th, 100th, 301st Fighter Squadrons.

1. **MISSION:** To provide roving patrol on penetration, target cover and escort for B-24's of the 59th Bomb Wing to WOSCHTERBAUM C/A in the Vienna area.

2. **AIRCRAFT STATISTICS:** 43 off at 1120 hours. 39 effective sorties. Non-effective sorties: 3 mechanical, 1 escort.

24 A/C R/V at 1313 hours. 15 A/C R/V at 1330 hours.
9 A/C over primary target at 1427 hours. 15 A/C over alternate target at 1431 hours.
39 A/C down at base at 1645 hours.

3. **NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF MISSION:** 43 P-51's took-off from Ramitelli A/D at 1120 hours. 4 returned before R/V and were classed as non-effective sorties. Proceeding on course in a 3 squadron group formation, 24 A/C of the 99th and 100th Fighter Squadrons R/V with B-24's of the assigned 59th Bomb Wing at 1313 hours from 18 to 22,000 feet above 4713N - 1700E (briefed R/V point). 17 minutes later, at 1330 hours, 15 A/C of the 301st Fighter Squadron R/V with B-24's of the assigned 59th Bomb Wing at 4749N - 1720E (approximately 40 miles to northeast of briefed point). The bombers were in 6 groups and well spread out between groups. The 3 squadrons continued to furnish protective escort to 4745N - 1720E where at 1330 hours at 22,000 feet 13 A/C of the 100th Fighter Squadron and 2 A/C of the 99th Fighter Squadron turned to accompany the rear-most group of the Wing formation. Proceeding in a wide turn to the right the 15 A/C of the 100th and 99th Fighter Squadrons became separated from the bombers at approximately 4710N - 1800E in a cloud coverage at 22,000 feet (this being southeast of the farthest point of penetration). Meanwhile, the 9 remaining A/C of the 99th Fighter Squadron continued on course as roving patrol escort to the two lead groups of the assigned Bomb Wing to the primary target (Woschterbaum), arriving at 1427 hours at 25,000 feet and withdrawing from the target at 1432 hours at 25,000 feet. Escort on withdrawal was furnished to 4415N - 1615E, where the bombers were left at 1530 hours at 15,000 feet. 15 A/C of the 301st Fighter Squadron furnished roving patrol on penetration for B-24's of the assigned 59th Bomb Wing to a point believed to be Anstetten (alternate target No 1). Arriving at 1431 hours at 21,000 feet and furnishing target cover until 1445 hours at 21,000 feet, the 15 fighters withdrew with the assigned bombers, furnishing roving patrol on withdrawal to 4454N - 1547E, where the bombers were left at 1530 hours at 18,000 feet. Return to base was accomplished in squadron formation. Formation Leaders: Captain Glead.



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4. W/A (air)

- a. Seen (not encountered) Nil.
- b. Encountered: Nil.

5. FLAK: Nil.

6. OBSERVATIONS: At 1527 hours from 9,000 feet above the southwest tip of Lake Balaton 12 Stornoviks were seen heading in a northwest direction.

At 1600 hours from 21,000 feet pilots report having observed a light brown P-38 between Gera and Sibenik. The P-38 was seen to wiggle his wings as if in recognition.

7. RADIO SECURITY: Satisfactory.

8. FRIENDLY A/C: At 1455 hours at approximately 20 miles southwest of Gera one lone B-24 of the 59th Wing with its right inboard engine inoperative, was encountered at 21,000 feet and escorted to 4641H - 1738E where it was left at 1525 hours at 9,000 feet. Fighters were not in radio contact with the escorted bomber.

9. SITREP: Nil.

10. COMMENTS: Nil.

11. CORRECTIONS TO TELEPHONE MISSION REPORT: Nil.

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NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 202

MISSION NO. 202 - 49th Fighter Squadron.

1. **MISSION:** To provide close escort on penetration, target cover and withdrawal for 1 P-38 Photo Recon A/C to STUTTGART Area, Germany.

2. **AIRCRAFT AND CHRONOLOGY:** 6 P-51's took-off from Ramitelli A/D at 1133 hours and R/V with 1 P-38 Recon A/C at 1145 hours at 2,000 feet over San Severo A/D. 1 P-51 returned early because of mechanical trouble. 5 P-51's furnished close escort on penetration to area believed to be Stuttgart arriving at 1415 hours at 24,000 feet. Target area cover was provided until 1435 hours at 24,000 feet. Withdrawal escort was provided to Ramitelli A/D where the 5 P-51's left the Recon A/C at 1615 hours at 1,500 feet. 5 down at base at 1630 hours. 5 effective sorties. Formation Leader: Lt Rodgers.

3. **REMARKS:** Call sign of Photo Recon A/C was GRASSLAND 11.

At 1345 hours from an altitude of 24,000 feet, large fires were observed at Heitlingen (4830N - 0912E).

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NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 201

MISSION NO. 201 - 100th Fighter Squadron.

1. **MISSION:** To provide close escort on penetration, target cover and withdrawal for 1 P-38 Photo Recon A/C to PRAGA, Czechoslovakia.

2. **AIRCRAFT AND CHRONOLOGY:** 6 P-51's took-off from Ramitelli A/B at 0907 hours and B/V with 2 P-38 Recon A/C at 0920 hours at 2,000 feet above San Severo. The 6 P-51's furnished close escort on penetration for the 2 P-38's to 4810N - 1500E where 1 P-38, WHITE HORSE 6, made a 180° turn and headed due south at 1030 hours. The 6 P-51's continued to furnish protective escort on penetration for the remaining P-38, WHITE HORSE 8, to PRAGA, arriving at 1140 hours at 24,000 feet. Remaining as target cover until 1230 hours at 24,000 feet, the 6 P-51's began withdrawal escort. At 1240 hours 3 P-51's separated from the formation in the PRAGA area and returned alone to base because of engine trouble in 1 A/C. The 3 remaining P-51's furnished withdrawal escort to 4320N - 1450E where they left the Recon A/C at 1410 hours at 9,000 feet. 6 down at base at 1440 hours. 6 effective sorties. Formation Leader: Lt JOHNSON.

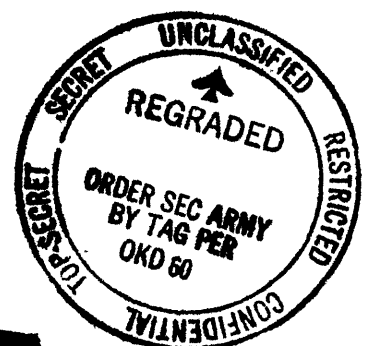
3. **REMARKS:** Callsign of Recon A/C was WHITE HORSE 8.

at 1205 hours from 24,000 feet in T/A, 1 unidentified B/E A/C was seen at approximately 9,000 feet heading East.

at 1345 hours from 18,000 feet, pilots report having observed a lone B-25 dispensing chaff at 4430N - 1530E. B-25 was olive drab in color.

at 1000 hours from 18,000 feet, pilots report having seen smoke column rising to approximately 3,000 feet above KLACKENFURT.

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5. FLAK: At 1210 hours at 21,000 feet S A H flak was experienced at 4546N - 1100E. One A/C of the 100th Fighter Squadron was hit (repairable).
at 1225 hours from 27,000 feet above 4522N - 1050E pilots report having observed smoke pots between 4522N - 1050E
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OPERATIVE MESSAGE REPORT NO. 300

MISSION NO. 300 - 99th, 100th, 901st Fighter Squadrons.

1. MISSION: To provide target cover over VINOVA for B-17's of the 5th Bomb Wing.

2. AIRCRAFT STATISTICS: 36 off at 0925 hours. 34 effective sorties. Non-effective sorties: 2 mechanical.

34 A/C over target at 1125 hours.
34 A/C down at base at 1900 hours.

3. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF MISSION: 36 P-51's took off from Randall AFB at 0925 hours. 2 P-51's returned before reaching T/A and were classed as non-effective sorties. Proceeding on course in a 3 squadron group formation 34 P-51's arrived in the assigned T/A at 1125 hours at 20,000 feet. 34 P-51's patrolled in the T/A at an average altitude of 20,000 feet until 1245 hours, at which time 2 A/C returned to base and received sorties. 32 P-51's continued as protective patrol for the B-17's in the T/A until 1335 hours. Departing the T/A at 1335 hours at 20,000 feet all A/C were down at base at 1900 hours. Formation Leader: Col. Davis.

4. T/A (air)

- a. Seen (not encountered) Nil.
- b. Encountered: Nil.

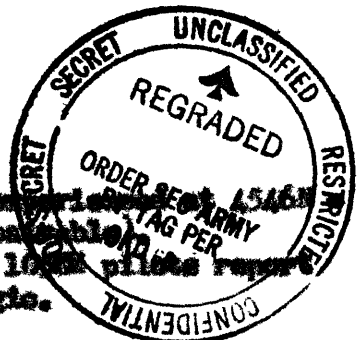
5. FLAK: At 1210 hours at 21,000 feet S A H flak was experienced at 4546N - 1100E. One A/C of the 100th Fighter Squadron was hit (repairable).
At 1225 hours from 27,000 feet above 4522N - 1050E pilots report having observed smoke pots between Villafranca and Valleggio.

6. OBSERVATIONS: At 1155 hours from 21,000 feet in T/A our pilots report having seen 12 unidentified multi-engine A/C and 3 unidentified single engine A/C in what appeared to be a Infantry.

7. RADIO SECURITY: Satisfactory.

8. FRIENDLY A/C: At 1300 hours at 20,000 feet above 4440N - 1020E, 4 P-51's descended to investigate a group of multi-engine A/C. The multi-engine A/C were identified as friendly B-24's. 1 B-24 fired a short burst at our fighters. The 4 P-51's broke away into a dive without identifying the B-24 as to organization. No P-51's were hit.

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9. STRAYING: NIL.

10. COMMENTS: NIL.

11. CORRECTIONS TO TELEPHONE MISSION REPORT: NIL.

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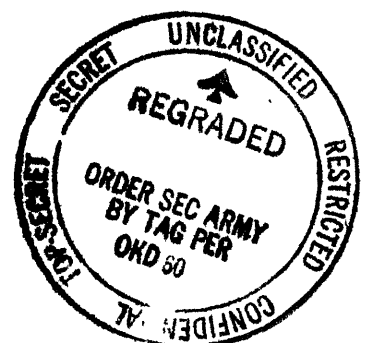
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INITIATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 199

MISSION NO. 199 - 301st Fighter Squadron.

1. **MIS ION:** To provide close escort on penetration, target cover and withdrawal for 1 P-38 Photo Recon A/C to FRAGIE.
2. **AIRLIFT AND CHRONOLOGY:** 6 P-51's took-off from Ramitelli A/D at 0950 hours. 6 P-51's R/V with 2 P-38 Recon A/C at 1015 hours at 2,500 feet above San Severo. 1 returned early because of mechanical trouble. Though no mention was made of furnishing protective escort to 2 Recon A/C at briefing, a second P-38 using call sign WHITE HOUSE 4 proceeded to 4830N - 1440E where it turned off at 1210 hours. 5 P-51's continued as protective escort to 4912N 1440E, where the Recon A/C turned back because of cloud coverage in T/A. Close escort on withdrawal was furnished the P-38 to Ramitelli A/D, where the 5 P-51's left the Recon A/C at 1415 hours at 2,000 feet. It is believed that the Recon A/C took photos of targets of opportunity while withdrawing. All down at base at 1422 hours. 5 effective sorties. Formation Leader: Lt MARINI.
3. **COMMENTS:** Call sign of escorted Recon A/C was WHITE HOUSE 9. At 1200 hours from 24,000 ft 1 unidentified A/C was seen at 4745N - 1450E.

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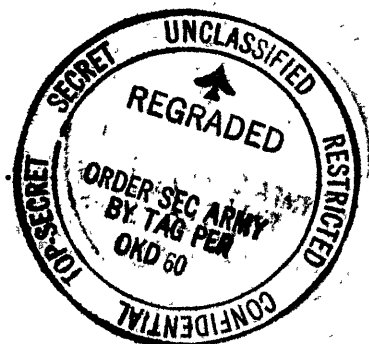
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RELATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 198

MISSION NO. 198 - 100th Fighter Squadron.

1. **MISSION:** To provide close escort on penetration, target cover and withdrawal with 1 P-38 Photo Recon A/C to TRIANA.
2. **AIRCRAFT AND CHRONOLOGY:** 6 P-51's took-off from Ramitelli A/D at 0900 hours. None returned early. 6 P-51's R/V with the Recon A/C at 0915 hours at 2,000 feet above San Severo. Close escort on penetration was furnished the P-38 to 4953N - 1427E, where at 1140 hours at 25,000 feet the Recon A/C turned back just South of the assigned target area because of 10/10 cloud coverage over target. Close escort on withdrawal was furnished to 4200N - 1505E where the P-38 was left at 1335 hours at 14,000 feet. It is believed that the Recon A/C covered BLOCKEN PASS, WENZEN PASS and TRIESTE on withdrawal. 6 P-51's down at base at 1345 hours. 6 effective sorties. Penetration Leader: 1A BERNAR.
3. **REMARKS:** Callsign of P-38 Recon A/C was WHITE HORSE 2.

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NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 197

MISSION NO. 197 - 99th, 100th, 301st Fighter Squadrons.

1. **MISSION:** To provide close escort on penetration, target cover and withdrawal for B-24's of the 49th Bomb Wing attacking AMSBURG H/T.
2. **AIRCRAFT STATISTICS:** 37 off at 1042 hours. 32 effective sorties. Non-effective sorties: 4 mechanical, 1 escort.

32 A/C R/V at 1255 hours. 32 over target at 1337 hours.
32 down at base at 1605 hours.

3. **NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF MISSION:** 37 P-51's took-off from Resitelli A/D at 1042 hours. 5 returned early and were classed as RES. Proceeding on briefed course, 32 P-51's R/V with assigned bombers of 49th Bomb Wing at 1255 hours at 24, to 28,500 feet above 4745N - 1218E area on time on course. Bombers were in good wing formation. Penetration escort was furnished to T/A, arriving at 1337 hours at 26,000 feet. Target cover was furnished until 1405 hours at 26,000 feet. Withdrawing as protective escort for assigned bombers at 1405 hours, 32 P-51's furnished escort on withdrawal, with our last 10 A/C leaving the assigned bombers at 1455 hours at 18,000 feet above 4522N - 1318E. All A/C down at base at 1605 hours. Formation Leader: Major ROBERTS.

4. **R/A (air):**

a. **Seen (not encountered):** 1 jet A/C believed to be an ME-163 was seen at 1210 hours at 4718N - 1307E from an altitude of 23,000 feet. Contrails from the jet A/C were seen in the distant. The A/C made one wide circle and headed south.

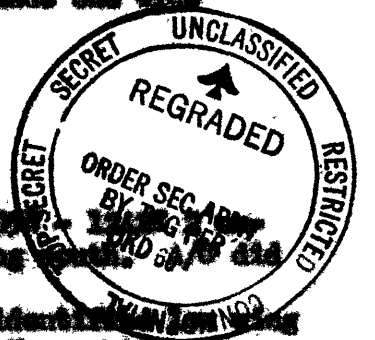
b. **Encountered:** NIL.

5. **FLAK:** NIL.

6. **OBSERVATIONS:** At 1255 hours from 23,000 feet above 4702N - 1218E identified A/C were seen, A/C were at 20,000 feet and heading south. They did not attack bombers and were seen to disappear into clouds.

At 1355 hours from 26,000 feet above 4742N - 1058E 1 unidentified monoplane, dark in color, was seen headed in NE direction. No markings were observed. A/C was at 19,000 feet.

At 1342 hours from an altitude of 26,000 feet, large fires were seen burning in SW corner of AMSBURG (T/A) as well as large columns of smoke near NE in SW AMSBURG.



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OPERATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 196

MISSION NO. 0. 196 - 99th Fighter Squadron.

1. MISSION: To provide close escort on penetration, target cover and withdrawal for 1 Mosquito Photo Recce A/C to MUNICH, Germany.

2. AIRCRAFT AND CHRONOLOGY: 6 P-51's took-off from Ramitelli A/D at 0650 hours and R/V with 1 Mosquito Photo Recce A/C at 0710 hours at 12,000 feet over Lake Lasina. 3 returned early and were classed as MIS. 3 P-51's furnished penetration escort to a point believed to be 4905N - 1102E. Arriving at 0930 hours at 27,000 feet, Photo Recce turned back immediately. Withdrawal escort was furnished to Ramitelli A/D where 3 P-51's left the Photo Recce A/C at 1055 hours at 500 feet. All down at 1109 hours. 3 effective sorties. Formation Leader: Lt HARDER.

3. REMARKS: Callsign of Photo Recce was FISH-HOOK 40.

Weather was solid overcast up to 26,000 feet in assigned T/A.
The Photo Recce Mosquito climbed to altitude at a rate excessive for the P-51's.

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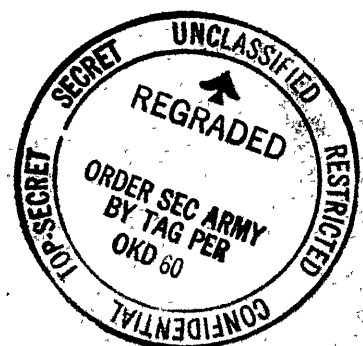
25 February 1945.

NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 195.

MISSION NO. 195 - 301st Fighter Squadron.

1. MISSION: To provide close escort on penetration, target cover and withdrawal for 1 P-38 Photo Recon A/C to MUNICH AREA, Germany.
2. AIRCRAFT AND CHRONOLOGY: 6 P-51's took off from Ramitelli A/D at 1043 hours and R/V with 1 P-38 Photo Recon A/C at 1100 hours, at 2,000 feet, over Lake Lemano. None returned early. 6 P-51's furnished penetration escort to Munich Area, arriving at 1300 hours at 27,000 feet. Target Area cover was furnished until 1430 hours, at an altitude of 27,000 feet. Leaving the target area at 1430 hours at 27,000 feet, withdrawal escort was provided to 4300N - 1430E, where the 6 P-51's left the Photo Recon A/C at 1525 hours at 2,000 feet. 6 effective sorties. Formation Leader: Lt White.
3. REMARKS: Call sign of P-38 Photo Recon A/C was GRASSLAND 137.

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25 February 1945.

OPERATIONAL MISSION NO. 194

MISSION NO. 194 - 99th, 100th, 301st Fighter Squadrons.

1. MISSION: To strafe rail traffic in the area bounded by WINKH, 7 COL-
ROAD, LINA AND CALBERG.
2. AIRCRAFT PARTICIPATION: 45 P-51's off at 0855 hours. 43 effective sorties.
Non-effective sorties: 2 mechanical.

39 A/C down at 1530 hours. 1 at F.P. Lost: Nil.

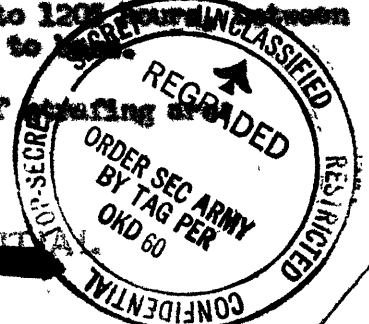
- Missing: 3. (1) Lt Corhan was last seen just east of
WINKH at 1145 hours at 2,000 feet. He was
having mechanical difficulty.
- (2) Lt Hockaday was last seen at 1225 hours at
10,000 feet near WINKHOF (4718N - 1235E)..
(plane disabled by concussion from exploding
locomotive).
- (3) Lt Iles was last seen at 1245 hours at 4825N
1032E and was heard over R/T to state that he was
on a course of 250° headed towards Switzerland.
(plane coolant system hit by flak).

3. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF MISSION: 45 P-51's took-off from Ramitelli
A/D at 0855 hours. 2 returned early and were classed as RES. 43 P-51's
proceeded on course to Lake Chies (4755N - 1220E) where the lead squadron,
the 100th Fighter Squadron, strafed rail traffic between ROSSBERG (4751N -
1209E), MILDREIF (4755N - 1200E), LAMBERT (4833N - 1210E) and an A/D at
4810N - 1227E, between 1107 and 1200 hours. 2 squadrons, the 99th and 301st,
furnished protective cover for the strafing A/C until 1130 hours.

At 1130 hours, the 99th Fighter Squadron became separated from the Group
and 15 A/C alternated between strafing and furnishing top cover from 1130 hours
until 1245 hours, strafing rail targets between 4810N - 1202E, and 4817N -
1202E, 4822N - 1209E and 4823N - 1215E, 4840N - 1210E and 4848N - 1212E,
4820N - 1102E and 4830N - 1102E, and at 4830N - 1045E, leaving the T/A at
1245 hours, they returned directly to base.

13 A/C of the 301st Fighter Squadron furnished protective cover for the
100th Fighter Squadron from 1105 to 1200 hours. At this time 7 A/C of the
301st Fighter Squadron descended and strafed from 1200 to 1205 hours between
4815N - 1215E and 4819N - 1230E, then returned directly to base.

Claims by squadrons according to respective time of strafing.



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100th Fighter Squadron. - strafed from 1107 to 1200 hours.

- 4 locomotives destroyed ✓
- 3 locomotives damaged
- 5 passenger cars damaged
- 6 oil cars damaged
- 4 box cars damaged
- 2 ore cars damaged
- 3 soldiers hit

Extra 307 against aircraft will appear on paragraph 9.

99th Fighter Squadron. - strafed from 1130 to 1245 hours.

- 6 locomotives destroyed ✓
- 1 locomotive damaged
- 40 box cars damaged
- 4 trucks damaged
- 5 passenger cars damaged

301st Fighter Squadron. - strafed from 1200 to 1205 hours.

- 1 electrical power station destroyed
- 1 electrical power station damaged
- 1 electric locomotive damaged

Total Claims for the group are:

- 10 locomotives destroyed ✓
- 4 locomotives damaged
- 1 electric locomotive damaged
- 10 passenger cars damaged
- 44 box cars damaged
- 6 oil cars damaged
- 2 ore cars damaged
- 4 trucks damaged
- 1 electric power station destroyed
- 1 electric power station damaged

39 down at base at 1530 hours. Formation Leader: Capt GLEND.

4. E/A (air):

- a. Seen (not encountered): Nil.
- b. Encountered: Nil.

5. FLAK: Small arms and light flak at A/D at 48107 - 12278. Mobile light flak between ROEBELIN and WILDERS on rail cars. SAL flak at 48307 - 11082.

6. OBSERVATIONS: Nil.

7. RADIO SECURITY: 1 squadron reports unsatisfactory R/T in T/A. Unidentified persons cluttered airways with unnecessary chatter while 1 A/C was having difficulty at 1130 hours.

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8. FRIENDLY A/C: Nil.

9. STRAFING: At 1130 hours, the 100th Fighter Squadron strafed an A/D at 4810N - 1227E. 15 plus T/E and S/E A/C were seen. Claims are:

2 HE-111's destroyed
1 HE-111 damaged
1 HE-109 damaged

10. COMMENTS: Nil.

11. CORRECTIONS TO TELEPHONIC MISSION REPORT: Nil.

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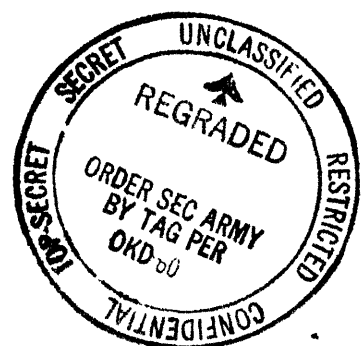
24 February 1945.

OPERATIVE REPORT NO. 193

MISSION NO. 193 - 100th Fighter Squadron.

1. **MISSION:** To provide close escort on penetration, target cover and withdrawal for 1 Mosquito Photo Recon A/C to AUSTRIA area.
2. **ASPECT AND CHRONOLOGY:** 6 P-51's took off from Funtanelli A/D 1153 hours and 4/V with 1 Mosquito Recon A/C at 1200 hours at 2,000 feet above San Severo A/D. 2 P-51 returned early because of mechanical trouble and was classed as non-effective sortie. 5 P-51's furnished penetration escort to a point believed to be Munich Area, arriving at 1404 hours at 24,000 feet, thence to Ingolstadt and Stelvio Pass. Target area cover was furnished until 1435 hours at an altitude of 24,000 feet. Leaving the target area at 1435 hours at 24,000 feet, withdrawal escort was furnished the Recon A/C to Ternoli, where the 5 P-51's left it at 5,000 feet at 1605 hours. 5 effective sorties. Formation leader: Lt Ellington.
3. **REMARKS:** Call sign of Recon A/C was ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ 25.

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Paragraph 10 should be amended to read as follows:

10. COMMENTS: 1 P-51 took-off at 0924 hours and was too late to catch the Group formation. Pilot called the tower and asked permission to join a formation of P-38's of the 82nd Fighter Group. Permission was given by Group Operations and this pilot completed a dive bombing mission with P-38's.

Pilot failed to report to Intelligence at the squadron interrogation or at critique that he had not accomplished the assigned mission. This matter has been called to the attention of his squadron commander.

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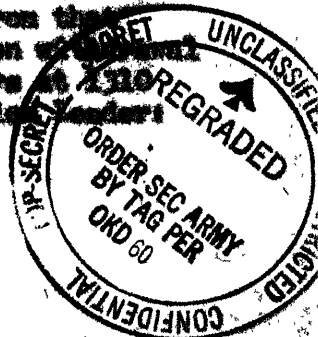
CONTINUATION TO NARRATIVE VERSION IMPDET NO. 192, DATED 23 FEBRUARY 1945.

Paragraphs 2 and 3 should be corrected to read as follows:

2. AIRCRAFT STATISTICS: 47 P-51's off at 0925 hours. 41 effective sorties.
Non-effective sorties: 5 mechanical, 1 escort.

15 A/C R/V at 1010 hours. 12 A/C R/V at 1050 hours. 13 A/C R/V at
1115 hours. 15 A/C over target at 1212 hours.
41 A/C down at base at 1445 hours.

3. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF MISSION: 47 P-51's took-off from Fossitelli A/D at 0925 hours. 6 returned early and were classed as WES. 40 P-51's proceeded on course in a 3 squadron Group formation, with 15 P-51's of the 99th Fighter Squadron R/V at 1010 hours at 14,000 feet above 4438R - 1450E with the rear group of B-24's of the assigned 304th Bomb Wing. Penetration escort was furnished to 4845N - 1500E, where at 1212 hours, at 23,000 feet (the assigned T/A) 11 of the 15 P-51's of the 99th Fighter Squadron escorting the rear group of B-24's became separated from the formation and furnished withdrawal escort for 30 unescorted B-17's of the 5th Bomb Wing to a point just East of LHMZ. At this point they left the B-17's at 1244 hours at 23,000 feet. The aforementioned 4 P-51's continued penetration escort for the assigned bombers to 4900N 1500E, arriving at 1215 hours at 23,000 feet. After bombers failed to drop bombs in the assigned area, the 4 P-51's of the 99th Fighter Squadron then furnished withdrawal escort for this group to alternate target No. 5, where bombers dropped their bombs. These 4 P-51's furnished target cover at alternate target No. 5 and further withdrawal to 4505N - 1310E, where at 1325 hours, they left the B-24's at 20,000 feet. The remaining A/C of the 301st and 100th Fighter Squadrons, consisting of 25 P-51's continued on course to 4630N - 1445E, where 12 A/C of the 100th Fighter Squadron R/V with the second and third groups of B-24's of the 304th Bomb Wing at 1050 hours at 21,000 feet and furnished penetration escort to 4805N - 1452E, arriving at 1130 hours and remaining in this area until 1200 hours at 23,000 feet and furnishing withdrawal escort to 4505N 1455E at 22,000 feet where they left the bombers at 1310 hours. 13 A/C of the 301st Fighter Squadron R/V with the lead group of the 304th Bomb Wing at 1115 hours at 24,000 feet above 4715N - 1500E and furnished penetration escort to 4800N - 1500E, where they arrived at 1145 hours at 24,000 feet. Withdrawing immediately with the assigned bombers they furnished escort to alternate target No. 3, arriving at 1205 hours at 24,000 feet and withdrawing from the area at 1205 hours at 24,000 feet. These 13 A/C furnished escort on withdrawal to this group of B-24's to 4602N - 1430E where they left the bombers at 1205 hours at 24,000 feet. All A/C down at base at 1445 hours. Formation leader Col DAVIS.



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NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 192

MIS. ION NO. 192 - 99th, 100th, 301st Fighter Squadrons.

1. **MIS. ION:** To provide route cover on penetration for B-24's of the 304th Bomb Wing attacking GNDW 1057 U/V.

2. **AIRCRAFT STATISTICS:** 47 P-51's off at 0925 hours. 41 effective sorties. Non-effective sorties: 5 mechanical, 1 escort.

15
16 A/C R/V at 1010 hours. 12 A/C R/V at 1050 hours. 13 A/C R/V at 1115 hours. 16 A/C over target at 1212 hours.
41 A/C down at base at 1445 hours.

3. **NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF MISSION:** 47 P-51's took-off from Panitelli A/D at 0925 hours. 6 returned early and were classed as RFB. 41 P-51's proceeded on course in a 3 squadron group formation, with 16 P-51's of the 99th Fighter Squadron R/V at 1010 hours at 14,000 feet above 4435N - 1450E with the rear group of B-24's of the assigned 304th Bomb Wing. Penetration escort was furnished to 4845N - 1500E, where at 1212 hours, at 23,000 feet (the assigned T/A) 12 of the 16 P-51's of the 99th Fighter Squadron escorting the rear group of B-24's became separated from the formation and furnished withdrawal escort for 50 unescorted B-17's of the 9th Bomb Wing to a point just East of LINZ. At this point they left the B-17's at 1244 hours at 23,000 feet. The aforementioned 4 P-51's continued penetration escort for the assigned bombers to 4900N 1500E, arriving at 1215 hours at 23,000 feet. After bombers failed to drop bombs in the assigned area, the 4 P-51's of the 99th Fighter Squadron then furnished withdrawal escort for this group to alternate target No. 5, where bombers dropped their bombs. These 4 P-51's furnished target cover at alternate target No. 5 and further withdrawal to 4505N - 1310E, where at 1325 hours, they left the B-24's at 20,000 feet. The remaining A/C of the 301st and 100th Fighter Squadrons, consisting of 25 P-51's continued on course to 4630N - 1445E, where 12 A/C of the 100th Fighter Squadron R/V with the second and third groups of B-24's of the 304th Bomb Wing at 1050 hours at 21,000 feet and furnished penetration escort to 4800N - 1455E, arriving at 1130 hours and remaining in this area until 1200 hours at 23,000 feet and furnishing withdrawal escort to 4505N 1455E at 22,000 feet where they left the bombers at 1310 hours. 13 A/C of the 301st Fighter Squadron R/V with the lead group of the 304th Bomb Wing at 1115 hours at 24,000 feet above 4715N - 1500E and furnished penetration escort to 4800N - 1500E, where they arrived at 1145 hours at 24,000 feet. Withdrawing immediately with the assigned bombers they furnished escort to alternate target No. 3, arriving at 1205 hours at 24,000 feet and withdrawing from that area at 1235 hours at 24,000 feet. These 13 A/C furnished escort



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Arrival to to this group of B-24's to 1602N - 1430E where they left the bombers at 1310 hours at 24,000 feet. All A/C down at base at 1445 hours. Formation Leader: Col DAVIS.

4. T/A (air):
 - a. Seen (not encountered): NIL.
 - b. Encountered: NIL.
5. FLAK: NIL.
6. OBSERVATIONS: NIL.
7. RADIO SECURITY: Satisfactory.
8. FRIENDLY A/C: NIL.
9. STRAFING: NIL.
10. COMMENTS: No A/C strafed. 9 to 10/10 overcast in assigned T/A prevented bombers from bombing as well as fighters from strafing. However, escort was furnished to alternate targets.
11. CORRECTIONS TO TELEPHONIC MISSION REPORT: NIL.

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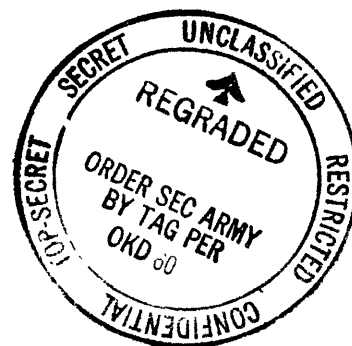
1. **MEX ION:** To furnish penetration, target cover and withdrawal for 1 P-38 Photo Reconnaissance A/C to STUTTGART, Germany.

2. **AIRCRAFT AND CIRCUMSTANCES:** 5 P-51's took-off from Sanitelli A/D at 1230 hours. 3 R/V at 1250 hours at 2,000 feet above San Severo with 1 P-38 Photo Recon A/C. 2 returned early because of mechanical failure. Close escort on penetration was furnished to area North of STUTTGART 4925N 0825E. This point was reached at 1515 hours at an altitude of 29,000 feet. Escort on withdrawal was furnished to Sanitelli A/D where at 1715 hours the 3 P-51's left the P-38 Recon A/C on the deck. Three effective sorties. 3 P-51's down at base at 1727 hours. Formation Leader: Lt DRIVER.

3. **REMARKS:** Call sign of escorted Recon A/C was GRASSLAND 136.

STUTTGART area was not photographed because of solid overcast at 28,000 feet over STUTTGART. 3 unidentified S/E A/C, black colored, were seen at 1510 hours at 4925N 0825E on the deck heading East. They were seen from an altitude of 26,000 feet.

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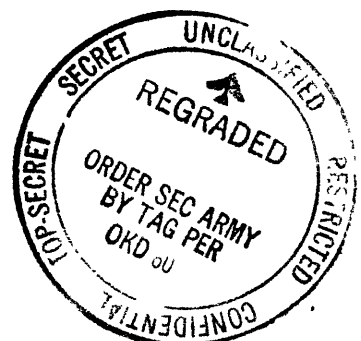
22 February 1945.

NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 190

MISSION NO. 190 - 99th Fighter Squadron.

1. MISSION: To provide close escort on penetration, target cover and withdrawal for 1 P-38 Photo Reconnaissance A/C to FRAGUE.
2. AIRCRAFT AND CHRONOLOGY: 5 P-51's took-off from Ramitelli A/D at 1027 hours. 1 returned early (mechanical). 4 P-51's R/V with Photo Recce A/C at 1035 hours at an altitude of 2,000 feet over Lake Lesina, Italy. Escort on penetration was furnished to assigned T/A. Arriving in the T/A at 1325 hours at an altitude of 27,000 feet. An overcast up to 20,000 feet made it impossible to make Photo run at FRAGUE, however, a Photo run was made at LINZ on penetration, where at 1250 hours, the P-38 made 1 run at 26,000 feet. Escort on withdrawal was furnished to Ramitelli A/D, where at 1545 hours, the 4 P-51's left the Recce A/C at 2,000 feet. Formation Leader: Lt CLIFTON. 4 effective sorties.
3. REMARKS: Campaign of P-38 Recce A/C was GRASSLAND 159.

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NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 189

MISSION NO. 189 - 99th, 100th, 301st Fighter Squadrons.

1. MISSION: To provide general target area cover for B-17's of the 9th Bomb Wing attacking U/X's in Southwestern Germany, then to descend and strafe rail targets in T/A, bounded by 4820N - 1040E, 4740N - 1000E, 4730N - 1130E, 4820N - 1130E.

2. AIRCRAFT STATISTICS: 48 off at 1030 hours. 44 effective sorties. Non-effective sorties: 4 mechanical.

44 over target at 1300 hours.
44 down at base at 1600 hours. 1 at F.P.

3. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF MISSION: 48 P-51's took-off from Ramtall A/D at 1030 hours. 3 returned early, while 1 landed at F.P. and was classed as MEE. 44 P-51's proceeded on course as briefed and arrived in assigned T/A at 1300 hours at 23,000 feet. Target area cover was furnished until 1400 hours when bombers left target area. A solid overcast over target area prevented our formation from penetrating to deck. This overcast was investigated by one flight which penetrated down to 17,000 feet and returned to report a 10/10 coverage at that altitude. After failing to find a sufficient break in the clouds to allow penetration, the formation leader left the assigned T/A at 1400 hours. On return to base 30 B-17's were escorted to 4690N - 1210E where 14 A/C left them at 21,000 feet at 1421 hours. 44 P-51's down at base at 1600 hours. Formation leader: Lt THOMAS.

4. U/A (air):
a. Seen (not encountered): Nil.
b. Encountered: Nil.

5. FLAK: Nil.

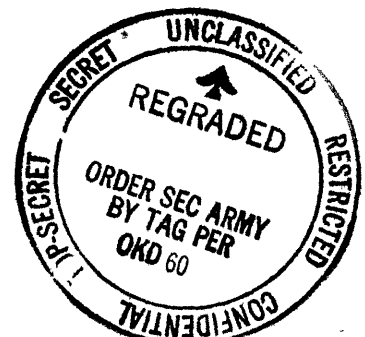
6. OBSERVATIONS: At 1330 hours at 23,000 feet, a Red Tail B-24 was seen circling behind B-17's in T/A. B-24 remained for 10 minutes then departed. At 1430 hours from 18,000 feet, 6 B-17's were seen to drop bombs at 4605N 1258E.

7. RADIO SECURITY: Satisfactory.

8. FRIENDLY A/D: Nil.

9. STRAFING: Nil.

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10. COMMENTS: NIL.

11. CORRECTIONS TO TELEPHONE MISSION REPORT: NIL.

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NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 188

MISSION NO. 188 - 97th, 100th, 301st Fighter Squadrons.

1. **MISSION:** To provide close escort on penetration, target cover and withdrawal for B-24's of the 304th Bomb Wing attacking VILLAGH CENTRAL N/T.

2. **AIRCRAFT STATISTICS:** 48 off at 1050 hours. 39 effective sorties. Non-effective sorties: 6 mechanical, 1 cockpit, 2 escort.

39 R/V at 1305 hours. 35 over target at 1338 hours.
39 down at base at 1545 hours.

3. **NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF MISSION:** 48 P-51's took-off from Ramitelli A/D at 1050 hours. 9 returned early. 39 P-51's effected R/V with B-24's of the assigned 304th Bomb Wing at 1305 hours at 25,000 feet above 4712N - 1442E. At 1305 hours 2 P-51's were dispatched as escort to an early returning B-24 at 25,000 feet immediately after R/V, escort was furnished on return to TRIESTE where the 2 P-51's left the B-24 at 13,000 feet at 1330 hours. At 1310 hours 2 additional P-51's were dispatched to furnish withdrawal escort for 1 B-24, picking the B-24 up at 25,000 feet above 4728N - 1450E, these 2 P-51's furnished withdrawal escort to 4350N - 1540E where at 1400 hours they left the B-24 at 14,000 feet. 35 P-51's continued to furnish close escort on penetration for the assigned bombers, arriving in the T/A at 1338 hours and withdrawing at 1353 hours from 26 to 28,000 feet. Withdrawal escort was furnished to 4404N - 1605E where at 1500 hours our last 10 A/C left the assigned bombers at 14,000 feet. 39 A/C down at base at 1545 hours. Formation Leader: Capt McDaniel.

4. **E/A (air):**
a. Seen (not encountered): NIL.
b. Encountered: NIL.

5. **FLAK:** NIL.

6. **OBSERVATIONS:** At 1335 hours from an altitude of 26,000 feet a column of smoke was seen to rise to 2,000 feet in T/A.
At 1316 hours at 26,000 feet 1 unidentified S/E fighter was seen in the vicinity of VILLAGH heading in a southeasterly direction. VILLAGH (4640N - 1390E)

At 1335 hours from 28,000 feet 2 P-51's of this Group investigated 3 unidentified A/C which were seen above 4515N - 1340E.

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Once in range of identification the 2 P-51's identified the 3 A/C as having American markings and being P-47's, 4 additional P-47's were seen in the vicinity.

7. RADIO SECURITY: Satisfactory.
8. FRIENDLY A/C: (See Narrative Description of Mission).
9. STRAFING: NIL.
10. COMMENTS: NIL.
11. CORRECTIONS TO TELEPHONIC MISSION REPORT: NIL.

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NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 187

MISSION NO. 187 - 99th, 100th, 301st Fighter Squadrons.

1. MISSION: To provide close escort on penetration, target cover and withdrawal for B-24's of 47th Bomb Wing attacking VITENTIC and FUEBER R/V's.

2. AIRCRAFT STATISTICS: 46 off at 1055 hours. 43 effective sorties. Non-effective sorties: 2 mechanical, 1 cockpit.

17 A/C R/V at 1240 hours. 15 A/C R/V at 1302 hours. 11 A/C over target at 1230 hours without assigned bombers. 32 A/C over target at 1341 hours.

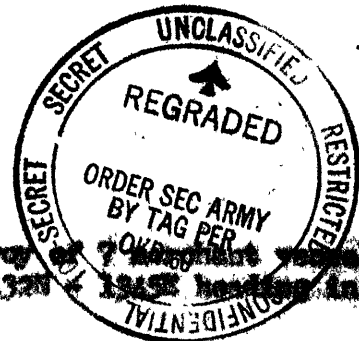
42 A/C down at base at 1540 hours. 1 at F.F.

3. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF MISSION: 46 P-51's took-off from Ramitelli A/D at 1055 hours. 3 P-51's returned early and were classed as MIA. 3 P-51's left T/A at 1341 hours at an altitude of 29,000 feet and received sorties. Proceeding on course in a 3 squadron Group formation, our fighters arrived at R/V point on time but seeing no bombers, the formation leader had 1 squadron to proceed on course and 2 squadrons to remain in general vicinity of assigned R/V area. 17 A/C R/V with B-24's of assigned 47th Bomb Wing at 1240 hours at 28,000 feet above 4608N - 1332E while 15 A/C continued on course to effect R/V with the lead group of the 47th Bomb Wing at 1302 hours at 28,000 feet above 4622N - 1405E. These 32 P-51's furnished close escort on penetration to assigned T/A arriving at 1341 hours at 29,000 feet and withdrawing immediately with assigned bombers to 4620N 1242E where, at 1405 hours, last 15 A/C left the bombers at 28,000 feet after hearing bombers state they would attack alternate target number 5 which was FUEBER. Fighters had to leave bombers because of shortage of gas. Bombers did not drop bombs on assigned target area. The first mentioned squadron consisting of 11 A/C continued on course to assigned T/A and while enroute furnished 20 minutes penetration escort to an unescorted group of the 49th Bomb Wing. Arriving in assigned T/A at 1230 hours, at 28,000 feet, they withdrew immediately to base after failing to contact assigned bombers. 42 down at base at 1540 hours. Formation Leader: Capt TURNER.

4. E/A (air):
a. Seen (not encountered): Nil.
b. Encountered: Nil.

5. FLAK: Nil.

6. OBSERVATIONS: At 1430 hours, 16,000 feet, a convoy of 7 aircraft and 2 vessels believed to be Destroyers was seen at 4432N - 1245E heading in a southeasterly direction.



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7. RADIO SECURITY: Satisfactory.

8. FUELING A/C: Nil.

9. STAFFING: Nil.

10. COMMENTS: Bombers were heard on R/T to state they were 6 minutes late. R/V was effected 24 minutes late at a point North of briefed R/V point.

11. CORRECTIONS TO TELEPHONIC MISSION REPORT: Nil.

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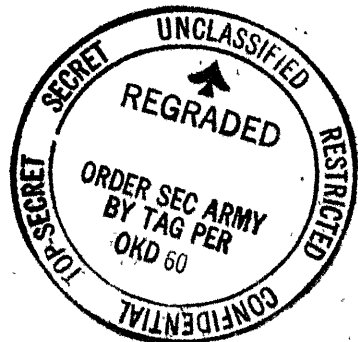
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NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 186.

MISSION NO. 186 - 302nd Fighter Squadron.

1. **MISSION:** To furnish penetration, target cover and withdrawal for 1 P-38 Photo Recon A/C to TRUNZIG, Germany.
2. **AIRCRAFT AND CHRONOLOGY:** 5 P-51s took off from Bastelli A/D at 0945 hours and R/V at 1025 hours at 2,000 feet above Lake Lenina with 1 P-38 Photo Recon A/C. Close escort on penetration was furnished to Flocken Pass (46344 - 12550), where Recon A/C's left engine developed mechanical trouble at 1140 hours at 24,000 feet and necessitated P-38's return to base. Escort on withdrawal was furnished to San Severo, where P-38 was left at deck level above its base at 1235 hours. All down at base at 1245 hours. 5 effective sorties. Formation leader: Lt Driver.
3. **REMARKS:** Call sign of P-38 Photo Recon A/C was Grassland B. P-38 was 25 minutes late at R/V.

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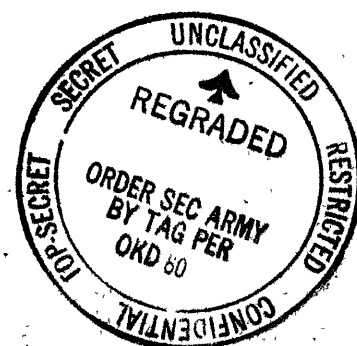
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C. OBSERVATIONS: At approximately 1100 hours at an altitude of 24,000 feet at 4541N - 1439E one Spitfire with British markings made a pass on a flight of P-51's. P-51's were headed North when Spitfire was seen heading South 180° to P-51's at 10 o'clock high at approximately 24,000 feet. The Spitfire turned in towards the tail of the flight and 3 P-51's dropped tanks and turned towards the Spitfire. The Spitfire split S's away. Pilots after further interrogation are of the opinion that Spitfire did not fire on them but acted in a hostile manner.

British markings were observed on fuselage. P-51's did not follow Spitfire and it was not seen again. The Spitfire did not come close enough for a more detailed identification.

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NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 185.

MISSION NO. 185 - 99th, 100th, 301st Fighter Squadrons.

1. MISSION: To provide close escort on penetration, target cover, and withdrawal for B-24's of 49th Bomb Wing attacking targets in VIENNA Area.
2. AIRCRAFT STATISTICS: 52 off at 0940 hours. 48 effective sorties. Non-effective sorties: 3 mechanical, 1 escort.

15 A/C R/V at 1015 hours. 16 A/C R/V at 1030 hours. 13 A/C R/V at 1145 hours. 4 A/C R/V at 1215 hours. 13 A/C over target at 1300 hours. 48 A/C down at base at 1450 hours.

3. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF MISSION: 52 P-51's took-off from Ramitelli A/D at 0940 hours. 4 P-51's returned early and were classed as NES. Proceeding on course in a 3 squadron Group formation our first 15 A/C R/V with B-24's of the assigned 49th Bomb Wing at 1015 hours at 4325N - 1500E and furnished escort on penetration to 4813N - 1538E, where they left the bombers at 1310 hours at 27,000 feet because of gasoline shortage. 33 P-51's continued on course until 1030 hours, where at 4404N - 1452E, 16 P-51's R/V with B-24's of the assigned 49th Bomb Wing and provided escort on penetration to 4813N - 1538E, arriving at 1310 hours at 28,000 feet, these 16 A/C left the B-24's at this point because of fuel shortage resulting from the early R/V. The 17 remaining A/C continued on course to 4635N - 1510E where at 1145 hours 13 A/C affected R/V with a mixed group of approximately 25 B-24's of the 47th, 55th and 304th Bomb Wings and provided escort on penetration to VIENNA, arriving at 1300 hours, returning directly to base because of fuel shortage. 4 A/C became separated from the formation and R/V at 1215 hours with B-24's of the 49th Bomb Wing at 4704N - 1518E at 26,000 feet, furnishing escort on penetration to 4813N - 1538E, at 27,000 feet at 1310 hours, they too returned directly to base because of fuel shortage. 48 A/C down at base at 1450 hours. Formation Leader: Capt Campbell.

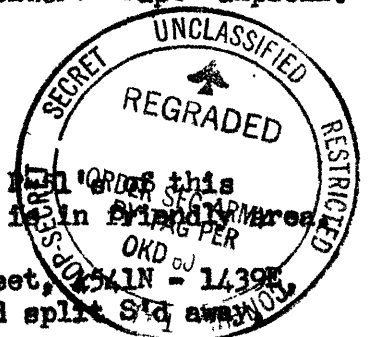
4. E/A (air):

- a. Seen (not encountered): Nil.
- b. Encountered: Nil.

5. FLAK: At 1335 hours at 2,500 feet at 4313N - 1315E, 3 P-51's in group were fired upon by automatic weapons. 4313N - 1315E in group were fired upon by automatic weapons.

6. OBSERVATIONS: At approximately 1100 hours at 24,000 feet, 1 Spitfire with British markings fired on our formation and split (acted in a hostile manner).

7. RADIO SECURITY: Unsatisfactory in 100th Fighter Squadron, where unnecessary criticisms of squadron formation on R/T caused excessive radio chatter.



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8. FRIENDLY A/C: At 1330 hours at 19,000 feet above ZAGREB, one B-17 was seen headed Eastward towards Russian lines with its right inboard engine feathered.

9. GRAPHING: NIL.

10. COMMENTS: It is believed that strong headwinds caused bomber formation to be late. Bombers were heard to call that they were late and not in correct sequence.

11. CORRECTION TO TELEPHONE MISSION REPORT: NIL.

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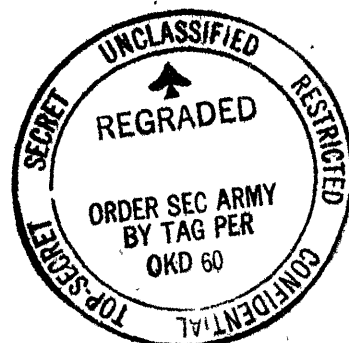
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NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 184

MISSION NO. 184 - 302nd Fighter Squadron.

1. **MISSION:** To provide close escort on penetration, target cover and withdrawal for 1 P-38 Photo Reconnaissance A/C to LIWZ Area.
2. **AIRCRAFT AND CHRONOLOGY:** 6 P-51's took-off from Resitelli A/D at 0900 hours and R/V with P-38 Recon A/C at 0920 hours at 3,000 feet above AFRIKANA. 3 P-51's returned to base before reaching target area and were classed as EC3, while 3 P-51's furnished penetration escort to a point believed to be assigned T/A. Arriving in the T/A at 1145 hours at 25,000 feet, target cover was furnished until 1215 hours at 25,000 feet. Escort on withdrawal was furnished to Lake Lesim, where at 1350 hours the 3 P-51's left the P-38 Recon A/C at 1,500 feet. 3 P-51's down at base at 1400 hours. Formation Leader: Lt DRIVER.
3. **REMARKS:** Callsign of escorted Recon A/C was **CONVENT 65. E.S. 3**

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NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 183

MISSION NO. 183 - 99th, 100th, 301st, 302nd Fighter Squadrons.

1. MISSION: To provide close escort on penetration, target cover and withdrawal for B-24's of the 47th Bomb Wing attacking WEIS M/Y in the LINZ Area. Mission not accomplished.

2. AIRCRAFT STATISTICS: 53 off at 1000 hours. No effective sorties: 53 weather.

No R/V was affected.
All A/C down at base at 1320 hours.

3. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF MISSION: 53 P-51's took-off from Ramitelli A/D at 1000 hours. Our fighters penetrated on course through overcast in a group formation to 4600N - 1440E. At an altitude of 22,000 feet, our fighters received the recall from the assigned bombers at 1155 hours at a point South of 4600N - 1440E. Return to base was made in Group formation. All 53 A/C down at base at 1320 hours. Formation Leader: Col DAVIS.

4. E/A (air):
a. Seen (not encountered): Nil.
b. Encountered: Nil.

5. FLAK: Nil.

6. OBSERVATIONS: Nil.

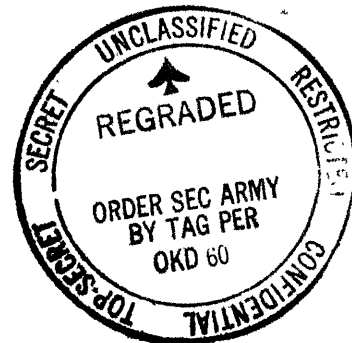
7. RADIO SECURITY: Satisfactory.

8. FRIENDLY A/C: Nil.

9. STRAFING: Nil.

10. COMMENTS: Pilots report having heard bombers receive recall from weather ship.

11. CORRECTIONS TO TELEPHONIC MISSION REPORT: Nil.



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6. OBSERVATIONS: At 1218 hours from deck level, as formation entered T/A, five locomotives were seen at point believed to be St. Polten (4815N - 1530E), these locomotives were on a turn-table.
7. RADIO SECURITY: Satisfactory.
8. FRIENDLY A/C: NIL.
9. STRAFING: See paragraph #3 (Narrative Description of Mission).
10. COMMENTS: Since a controversy exists as to the location strafed, it is hoped that Photo Reconnaissance will reveal the exact location.
11. CORRECTIONS TO TELEPHONE MISSION REPORT: NIL.

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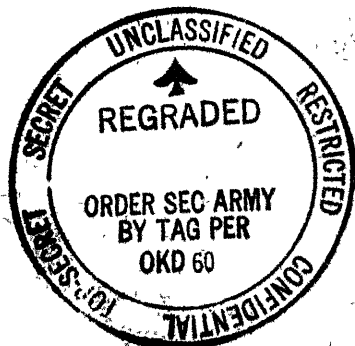
MISSION NO. 181 - 302nd Fighter Squadron.

1. PURPOSE: To provide close escort on penetration, target cover and withdrawal for 1 Mosquito Photo Recon A/C to SWITZ, Germany.

2. AIRCRAFT AND CHRONOLOGY: 6 P-51's took off from Ramitelli I/D at 1954 hours. 2 returned early. 1 mechanical, 1 escort. 4 P-51's 2/V with Mosquito Recon A/C at 4,000 feet above San Cayero A/D at 10:11 hours. 2 A/C returned before reaching target area. 4 P-51's furnished close escort to Munich Area, arriving at 1210 hours at 26,000 feet. Target area cover was furnished until 1222 hours at 26,000 feet. Recon A/C was then furnished protective escort as it made runs over points believed to be Garmisch Pass, Flachen Pass, Brenner Pass and Klagsfurt, withdrawing at 1300 hours at 26,000 feet. Protective escort on withdrawal was furnished to Ternoli, where the Recon A/C was left at 1410 hours at 6,000 feet. Formation Leader: Lt Williams.

3. REMARKS: At 1300 hours from an altitude of 26,000 feet an unidentified A/C, believed to be a jet-propelled A/C, was seen at 26,000 feet above Klagsfurt, heading in a northeasterly direction at an extremely high rate of speed. Call sign of Photo Recon A/C was FOUR SQUARE 22.

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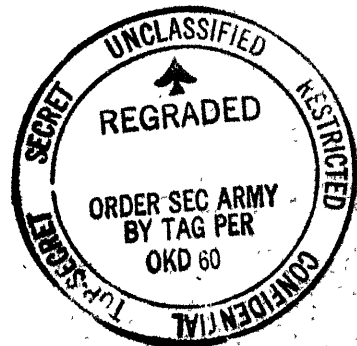
MISSION NO. 130 - 101st Fighter Squadron

1. MISSION: To provide close escort on penetration, target cover and withdrawal for 1 P-38 Photo Recon A/C to ISCHERG, Germany.

2. AIRCRAFT AND CHRONOLOGY: A P-51's took off from Fentelli A/D at 0948 hours. None early. 6 P-51's R/V with Photo Recon A/C at 1045 hours, at 2,000 feet at 1147N - 1520E. Recon A/C was 45 minutes late. Escort was provided to Linz Area, arriving at 1205 hours at 32,000 feet, where Recon A/C called that equipment was inoperative at altitude flown. Recon and escort made a 180 degree turn, and withdrawal escort was provided to 4210W - 1445E, where 6 P-51's left Recon A/C at 10,000 feet at 1245 hours. Formation Leader: Lt Gorham.

3. REMARKS: Only sign of P-38 Photo Recon A/C was CONVENT 14.

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OPERATIONAL REPORT No. 179

179 - 99th, 100th, 301st, 302nd Fighter Squadrons.

1. **DETAILS:** To provide close escort on penetration, target cover and withdrawal for B-17's of 9th Bomb Wing attacking LEUPOLD A/D, Germany. Only 9 A/C of 99th Fighter Squadron accomplished mission.

2. **AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS:** 49 off at 1030 hours. 9 effective sorties. Non-effective sorties: 3 weather, 2 Air Sea Rescue, 1 lost, 1 missing.

9 A/C at R/V at 1145 hours. 9 A/C over target at 1240 hours.

9 A/C down at 1455 hours.

1 A/C lost. Pilot crashlanded at 1130 hours near Camoucarino, Italy.

Pilot safe. 1 A/C missing. Pilot last seen at 1020 hours at 4,000 feet off of Perry Point A/D - 1425.

3. **DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF MISSION:** 49 P-51's took-off from Farnitelli A/D at 1030 hours. 38 P-51's returned to base before R/V and were classed as ILS. 36 of these A/C returned because of adverse weather, 2 conducted Air Sea Rescue mission, 1 was lost and 1 is missing. The remaining 9 A/C failed to hear the Group formation leaders instruction to return to base and were able to penetrate overcast to proceed on course to effect R/V with the assigned B-17's at 1145 hours at 27,500 feet above 4538N - 1256E, 26 minutes before briefed R/V time and South of briefed R/V point. Escort was furnished on penetration to target, arriving at target at 1240 hours at 27,500 feet and withdrawing at 1249 hours at 27,500 feet. Close escort on withdrawal was furnished to 4538N - 1310E, where at 1335 hours our 9 A/C left the assigned B-17's at 26,000 feet. The bomber formation was satisfactory. Group Formation Leader: Col DAVIS. Squadron Formation Leader furnishing PW: Lt CLIFTON.

4. **R/A (air):**

a. Seen (not encountered): Nil.

b. Encountered: Nil.

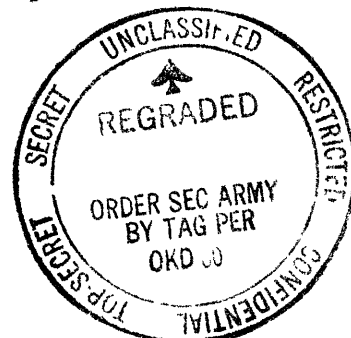
5. **FLAK:** Nil.

6. **OBSERVATIONS:** Nil.

7. **RADIO EFFICIENCY:** Satisfactory.

8. **FRIENDLY A/C:** At 1258 hours at an altitude of 27,000 feet, 1 B-24 was seen to explode in mid air near INSERBUCK. Evidently this A/C was hit by flak. No chutes were seen.

At 1305 hours from an altitude of 27,000 feet, 2 B-17's were seen to explode in mid air near NOLANO, Italy. No chutes were seen.



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At 1307 hours from an altitude of 27,000 feet, an unidentified bomber was seen to crash and explode at 4625N - 1142E.

At 1020 hours from an altitude of 3,000 feet, 2 of our A/C while circling to join formation noted a large splash in the sea. A large oil slick was observed. A fix was given to Big Game and the pilots were subsequently ordered to circle that area. These pilots report having later seen a boat pass an object appearing to be a life raft in the water, however close observation revealed the suspected life raft to be a belly tank. Pilots were relieved and returned to base.

9. CONTACTS: Nil.

10. COMMENTS: Nil.

11. (REFERENCES) TO THE FRONT MISSION REPORT: Nil.

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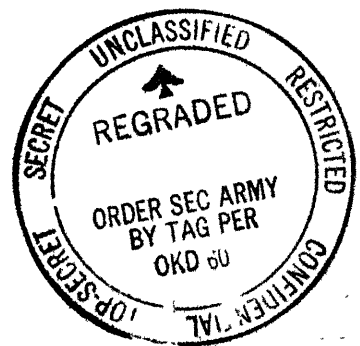
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AMENDMENT TO NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 178, DATED 16 FEBRUARY 1945

2. AIRCRAFT AND CHRONOLOGY: Should read: 6 Effective Sorties.

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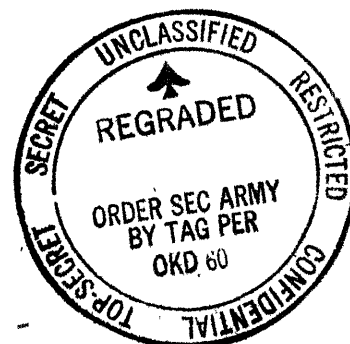
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NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 178

MISSION NO. 178 - 100th Fighter Squadron.

1. **MISSION:** To provide close escort on penetration, target cover and withdrawal for 1 P-38 Photo Reconnaissance A/C to the MUNICH Area.
2. **AIRCRAFT AND CHRONOLOGY:** 6 P-51's took-off from Ramitelli A/D at 0950 hours. None returned early. 6 P-51's R/V with 1 P-38 Recon A/C at 1030 hours, 2,000 feet above APRICENA, Italy. Close escort was provided to 4855N - 1200E, arriving at 1250 hours at 26,000 feet and withdrawing from 4737N - 1310E at 1400 hours at 26,000 feet. It is believed that REICHENBERG, MUNICH and SALZBURG were covered. Escort on withdrawal was furnished to 4341N - 1400E, where our 6 escorting P-51's left the Recon A/C at 1440 hours at 15,000 feet. Formation Leader: Lt SIMMONS.
3. **REMARKS:** Call sign of P-38 Photo Recon A/C was GRASSLAND 137.

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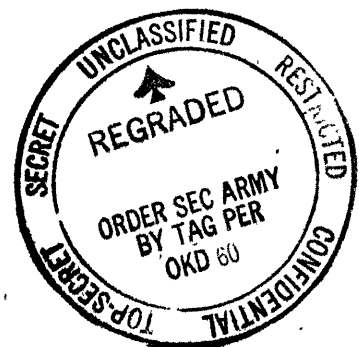
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AMENDMENT TO NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 177, DATED 16 FEBRUARY 1945

2. AIRCRAFT AND CHRONOLOGY: Should read: 6 Effective Sorties.

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OPERATIVE AIRBORNE REPORT NO. 177.

MISSION NO. 177 - 302nd Fighter Squadron.

1. **MISSION:** To provide close escort on penetration, target cover and withdrawal for 1 Mosquito Photo Recon to MUNICH, Germany.
2. **AIRPART AND CHRONOLOGY:** 6 P-51's took off from Ramitelli A/D at 1000 hours and F/V with Photo Recon over San Severo A/D at 1030 hours at 4,000 feet. Some returned early. It is believed photo run was begun at Trento, Italy at 1235 hours at 22,000 feet, withdrawing at 1240 hours. Escort was furnished to 4759N - 1015E, a point believed to be Hammington A/D, where Photo Recon made two passes over the field, arriving at 1310 hours at 23,000 feet and withdrawing at 1315 hours. Withdrawal escort was provided to Aquila, 4220N - 1330E, where P-51's left Photo Recon at 1445 hours at 18,000 feet. 6 P-51's down at base at 1505 hours. Formation Leader: Capt Watson.
3. **REMARKS:** Call sign Mosquito Photo Recon was Foursquare 5.

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NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 176

MISSION NO. 176 - 100th and 301st Fighter Squadrons.

1. MISSION: To provide close escort on penetration, target cover and withdrawal for B-24's of the 49th Bomb Wing's Blue Force attacking PHUENHONG M/V in VINHUA.

2. AIRCRAFT STATISTICS: 30 off at 1130 hours. 29 effective sorties. Non-effective sorties: 1 mechanical.

29 R/V at 1315 hours. 27 over target at 1355 hours.
29 A/C down at base at 1605 hours.

3. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF MISSION: 30 P-51's took-off from Ranitelli A/D at 1130 hours. 1 A/C returned before R/V and did not receive sorties. 29 P-51's proceeded on course and R/V with assigned bombers at 1315 hours at 25,000 feet above 4700N - 1448E, 5 minutes early and just South of briefed R/V point. At 1330 hours at 4735N - 1450E, 2 P-51's were dispatched at 25,000 feet to furnish withdrawal escort for 1 B-24 of the 451st Bomb Group. This B-24 was furnished escort to 4440N - 1455E, where at 1415 hours, 2 red nosed P-38's made two passes on our A/C. After the second pass, our A/C dropped wing tanks and the P-38's departed. 27 A/C continued on course as protective escort for the assigned bombers. Arriving at the target at 1355 hours at 25,000 feet, our escorting fighters withdrew at 1415 hours at 26,000 feet. Escort on withdrawal was furnished to 4346N - 1557E, where at 1510 hours our last 16 A/C left the bombers at 24,000 feet. All were down at base by 1605 hours. Bomber formation was satisfactory. Formation Leader: Capt TURNER.

4. E/A (air):
a. Seen (not encountered): Nil.
b. Encountered: Nil.

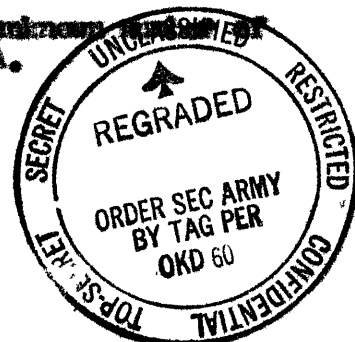
5. FLAK: Nil.

6. OBSERVATIONS: At 1400 hours from 26,000 feet, an unknown number of barges were seen on the Danube River Southeast of VINHUA.

7. RADIO SCHEDULE: Satisfactory.

8. FRIENDLY A/C: (See paragraph 3).

9. STRAFING: Nil.



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10. COMMENTS: Mission accomplished as briefed - bombers on time on course.

11. CORRECTIONS TO TELEPHONIC MISSION REPORT: NIL.

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NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 175

MISSION NO. 175 - 99th and 302nd Fighter Squadrons.

1. MISSION: To provide close escort on penetration, target cover and withdrawal for B-24's of the 49th Bomb Wing's Red Force attacking PRINZINGER W/V, VIENNA.

2. AIRCRAFT STATISTICS: 35 off at 1030 hours. 32 effective sorties.
Non-effective sorties: 2 mechanical, 1 escort.

32 R/V at 1220 hours. 32 over target at 1252 hours.
32 down at 1525 hours.

3. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF MISSION: 35 P-51's took-off from Ramitelli A/D at 1030 hours. 3 returned early and were classed as ME. 32 A/C proceeded on briefed course to R/V with the assigned bombers of the 49th Bomb Wing at 1220 hours at 27,000 feet above 4710N - 1440E. Penetration escort was furnished to target. Arriving in T/A at 1252 hours, our fighters furnished target cover until 1310 hours at an average altitude of 29,000 feet. Escort on withdrawal was furnished to 4435N - 1609E where at 1408 hours our last 18 A/C left the assigned bombers at 25,000 feet. All down at base at 1525 hours. The bomber formation was widely separated in groups. Formation Leader: Capt HAWOOD.

4. R/A (air):
a. Seen (not encountered): Nil.
b. Encountered: Nil.

5. FLAK: Nil.

6. OBSERVATIONS: At 1345 hours from 24,000 feet at RUTINA (4529N - 1646E) Yugoslavia, a large column of black smoke was seen above a fire, seemingly an oil fire. The fire was visible for 30 miles.

7. RADIO SECURITY: Unsatisfactory. Too much chatter was carried on at R/V when 99th Fighter Squadron did not understand message of formation leader that they cover rear group of bombers.

8. FRIENDLY A/C: At 1310 hours at 29,000 feet in T/A, escort was given to a crippled B-24 by 2 A/C of this Group. B-24 called that it would land at VIE and that their callsign Red Dog B, base number 44, be given to 461st Bomb Group. 2 A/C left B-24 at 1430 hours at an altitude of 18,000 feet above 4402N - 1618E headed towards VIE.

9. STRAFING: Nil.



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10. COMMENTS: Mission accomplished as briefed.

11. CORRECTIVES TO TELEPHONE MISSION REPORT: Nil.

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14 February 1945.

NARRATIVE MEMORANDUM NO. 174.

MEMORANDUM NO. 174 - 99th and 302nd Fighter Squadrons.

1. **MISSION:** To provide close escort on penetration target cover and withdrawal for B-24's of the 59th Bomb Wing attacking VIENTA LABAU AND SCHWINDIG O/R's.

2. **AIRCRAFT STATISTICS:** 36 off at 1111 hours. 36 effective sorties. Non-effective sorties: 2 mechanical.

36 R/V at 1250 hours. 36 over target at 1345 hours.
36 A/G down at 1425 hours.

3. **NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF MISSION:** 36 P-51's took off from Rantall A/G at 1111 hours. Two returned early. In a two squadron group formation with the 99th Fighter Squadron leading, 36 A/G R/V with B-24's of the assigned 59th Bomb Wing at 1250 hours at 29,000 feet above 1630N - 1430E. R/V was 20 minutes before briefed R/V time and south of R/V point. Target cover was furnished from 1345 hours until 1400 hours at an altitude of 26,000 to 28,000 feet. Leaving the target area at 1400 hours, escort was provided on withdrawal to 1230N - 1530E, where last 19 fighters left numbers at 1420 hours, at an altitude of 20,000 feet. All down at base at 1425 hours. Formation Leader: Major Roberts.

4. **R/A (air)**

- a. Seen (not encountered) Nil.
- b. Encountered: Nil.

5. **FLAK:** Nil.

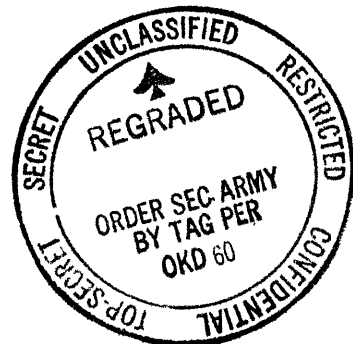
6. **OBSERVATIONS:** Nil.

7. **RADIO SECURITY:** Satisfactory.

8. **PROBABLE A/G:** Nil.

9. **STRAFBOM:** Nil.

10. **COMMENTS:** Mission accomplished as briefed.



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11. CONFIDENTIAL TO TELEPHONIC MEMBERS: NIL.

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14 February 1945.

NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 173

MISSION NO. 173 - 100th and 301st Fighter Squadrons.

1. **MISSION:** To provide close escort on penetration, target cover and withdrawal for B-17's of the 5th Bomb Wing's Blue Force attacking VIENNA LOUAI and SCHNECHAT O/R.

2. **AIRCRAFT STATISTICS:** 33 off at 1057 hours. 30 effective sorties. Non-effective sorties: 3 mechanical.

28 A/C R/V at 1245 hours. 2 R/V at 1315 hours. 28 over target at 1317 hours. 2 over target at 1340 hours.
30 down at base at 1615 hours.

3. **NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF MISSION:** 33 P-51's took-off from Hamitelli A/D at 1057 hours. 3 returned to base before R/V. 28 P-51's R/V with assigned B-17's at 1245 hours at an altitude of 28,000 feet at 4640N - 1442E. 2 P-51's R/V with assigned B-17's at 1315 hours at 25,000 feet above 4800N - 1545E after having been separated from main force of fighters by flak at a point believed to be GRAZ. These 2 P-51's withdrew with the assigned B-17's to 4528N - 1545E where at 1455 hours they left the bombers at 25,000 feet. 28 P-51's furnished penetration escort to target area, arriving at 1317 hours. In the T/A the escorting fighters became separated from the assigned bombers in a cloud cover, as fighters were in a climbing turn in an attempt to climb above the bombers who were at an approximate altitude of 30,000 feet. 4 of these 28 A/C left the T/A at 1330 hours as withdrawal escort for 1 crippled B-17, while the remaining 24 A/C stayed in T/A until 1350 hours, though unable to locate the assigned bombers. On return to base, 3 A/C made a pass on 5 small river craft on the Drava River at 4625N - 1550E at 1430 hours. No claims. All A/C down at base at 1615 hours. Formation Leader: Col DAVIS.

4. **E/A (air):**
a. Seen (not encountered): Nil.
b. Encountered: Nil.

5. **FLAK:** Nil.

6. **OBSERVATIONS:** Nil.

7. **RADIO SECURITY:** Satisfactory. Between 1150 and 1205 hours severe static was heard on radio as though radio was being jammed.

8. **REMARKS A/C:** 4 A/C of this Group in furnishing withdrawal escort for



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1 crippled B-17 from T/A at 1345 hours contacted a crippled B-24 at 4630N - 1520E at 15,000 feet. Escort was furnished both crippled A/C to approximately 4400N - 1510E at 1500 hours.

9. STRAFING: 3 F-51's strafed 5 small river craft on the URAVA River at 4625N - 1550E at 1430 hours. There are no claims.

10. COMMENTS: NIL.

11. CORRECTIONS OF TELEPHONE REPORTS: NIL.

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NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 172

MISSION NO. 172 - 99th, 100th, 301st, 302nd Fighter Squadrons.

1. **MISSION:** To provide target area patrol for Bomber Force attacking targets at ZAGREB, MARIBOR and GRAZ.

2. **AIRCRAFT STATISTICS:** 12 off at 1225 hours. 12 effective sorties. Non-effective sorties: Nil.

12 A/C provided roving patrol in T/A from 1355 to 1520 hours.
12 A/C down at base at 1630 hours.

3. **NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF MISSION:** 12 P-51's took-off from Benitelli A/D at 1225 hours. None returned early. Proceeding on briefed course, 12 P-51's arrived in vicinity of ZAGREB at 1355 hours at 25,000 feet. In a protective formation our fighters patrolled from ZAGREB to MARIBOR, thence, to GRAZ, thence, again to MARIBOR. At an average altitude of 25,000 feet, target area patrol was conducted from 1355 to 1520 hours. 12 P-51's left T/A at 1520 hours. All down at base at 1630 hours. Formation leader: Capt WATSON.

4. **E/A (air)**

a. **Seen (not encountered)** At 1525 hours, from an altitude of 25,000 feet, one unidentified A/C (believed to be jet-propelled) was seen in the ZAGREB area.

b. **Encountered:** Nil.

(No A/C of this group were hit).

5. **FLAK:** IAH at ZAGREB and MARIBOR.

6. **OBSERVATIONS:** Nil.

7. **RADIO SECURITY:** Satisfactory.

8. **FRIENDLY A/C:** At 1415 hours, at 22,000 feet, a pilot of this group monitoring "A" Channel heard a bomber using call sign of Chapter 3 state that a jet-propelled A/C had made a pass upon the bombers in the MARIBOR area.

9. **STRAPING:** Nil.

10. **COMMENTS:** Nil.



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11. CONNECTIONS TO TELEPHONE REPORT: NIL.

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13 February 1945.

NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 171

MISSION NO. 171 - 99th, 100th, 301st and 302nd Fighter Squadrons.

1. **MISSION:** To provide close escort on penetration, target cover and withdrawal for B-24's of the 49th Bomb Wing attacking VIENNA CENTRAL REPAIR SHOPS.

2. **MESSAGE STATISTICS:** 51 off at 1000 hours. 45 effective sorties. Non effective sorties: 6 mechanical.

45 A/C R/V at 1206 hours. 45 over target at 1225 hours.
45 A/C down at 1445 hours.

3. **NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF MISSION:** 51 P-51's took-off from Panitelli A/D at 1000 hours. 5 returned to base before R/V. In a 4 squadron group formation, with the 302nd squadron in lead position, 46 A/C R/V with B-24's of the assigned 49th Bomb Wing at 1206 hours at 26,000 feet above 4729N - 1436E. One A/C returned immediately after R/V and was classed as MSB. Bombers were on time on course, but not at briefed altitude, varying from 24 to 26,500 feet. Penetration escort was furnished to the target. Target cover was furnished from 1225 hours to 1245 hours at an average altitude of 27,500 feet. Leaving the target area at 1245 hours, our fighters furnished withdrawal escort to 4350N - 1610E where at 1340 hours our last 11 A/C left the bombers at 29,500 feet. All down at base at 1445 hours. Formation Leader: Capt GLEED.

4. **E/A (air).** a. Seen (not encountered) Nil. b. Encountered. Nil.

5. **FLAK:** Nil.

6. **OBSERVATIONS:** Fires were seen on West side of VIENNA at 1220 hours from an altitude of 28,000 feet.

7. **RADIO SECURITY:** Very good radio silence was maintained enroute, however, on withdrawal excessive chatter was noted from one pilot concerning oxygen pressure.

8. **FRIENDLY A/C:** Nil.

9. **STRAYING:** Nil.

10. **COMMENTS:** Mission accomplished as briefed.

11. **CORRECTIONS TO TELEPHONE REPORT:** Nil.



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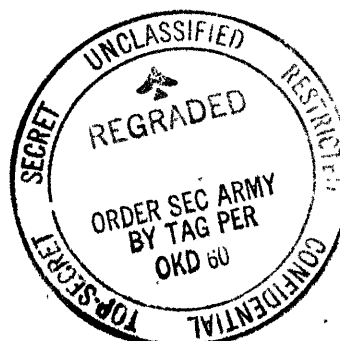
NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 17.

MISSION NO. 170 - 302nd Fighter Squadron.

1. MISSION: To provide close escort on penetration, target cover and withdrawal for 1 P-38 Photo Recce to MUNICH, GERMANY.
2. AIRCRAFT AND CHRONOLOGY: 6 51's took off from Ramitelli A/D at 0940 hours and R/V with Photo Recce 6,000 feet at APRICENA at 1003 hours. None returned early. Escort was provided to MUNICH AREA arriving at 1220 hours at an altitude of 24,000 feet and leaving at 1245 hours. Escort on withdrawal was provided to Ramitelli A/D where P-51's left Photo Recce at 1415 hours at an altitude of 13,000 feet. Formation Leader: Captain Hutchins.
3. REMARKS: Call sign of P-38 Photo Recce was Convent 57.

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NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 169

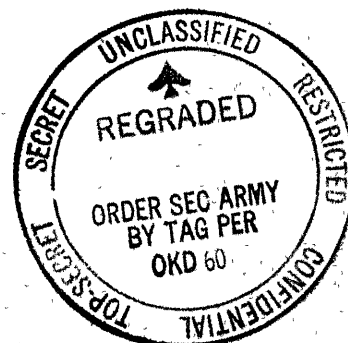
MISSION NO. 169 - 99th Fighter Squadron.

1. MISSION AND TARGET: To provide close escort on penetration, target cover and withdrawal for 1 P-38 Photo Recon A/C to PRAHA, Czechoslovakia. Mission was not accomplished as briefed. Close escort on PT* was provided to 1900H - 1958.

2. AIRCRAFT AND CHRONOLOGY: 6 P-51's took off from Ramitelli A/D and B/V with Photo Recon A/C over San Severo at 1055 hours at an altitude of 22,500 feet. None returned early. Escort was provided to Lins, arriving at 1254 hours. Two runs were made. Leaving Lins Recon penetrated to 1900H - 1958 where at 1310 hours a solid overcast up to 30,000 feet was encountered. Recon came back to Lins and made a third run at 1325 hours, at 27,000 feet. Withdrawal escort was furnished back to Ramitelli A/D. All down at 1450 hours. Formation Leader; Captain Temple.

3. REMARKS: Call sign of P-38 Photo Recon was Grassland 158.

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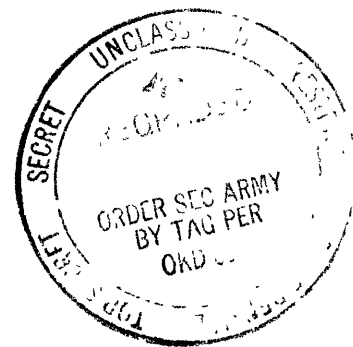
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CORRECTED SUPPLEMENT TO NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 168, DATED 278
FEBRUARY 1945

Below is a correction to Paragraph 3, Narrative Mission Report No. 168 from this Group.

Sentence two and three of Paragraph 3 should read: 13 A/C R/V with assigned bombers of 55th Bomb Wing at 4750N 1529E at 1250 hours near briefed I. P., while 14 A/C of another squadron of this group, though in the T/A, actually did not get into position to furnish protective escort until assigned bombers had completed the bomb run.

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NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 168.

MIA ICG No. 168 - 99th, 301st and 302nd Fighter Squadrons.

1. **MISSION:** To provide close escort on penetration, target cover and withdrawal for B-24's of 55th Bomb Wing attacking VARIOUS SOUTH COAST and DEPOT AREAS.
2. **PERCENT COMPLETION:** 42 off at 1037 hours. 41 effective sorties. Non-effective sorties: 1 mechanical.

14 A/C E/V at 1215 hours. 27 E/V at 1250 hours.
14 A/C over target at 1340 hours. 27 A/C in T/S at
1300 hours. 41 down at 1535 hours. 1 at P. F.

3. **DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF MISSION:** 42 P-51's proceeded on course to 4520N - 1520E, where at 1215 hours 14 A/C E/V with elements of the assigned bombers of the 55th Wing intermingled with B-24's of the 304th Wing. 27 P-51's continued on course to effect E/V with major force of assigned bombers at 4750N - 1520E, near briefed IP. E/V was accomplished at 1250 hours at an altitude of 23,500 ft. Target cover and withdrawal escort was furnished, our last 14 A/C having left the bombers at 1425 hours at 18,000 ft. above 4530N - 1525E. Weather: 5 to 8/10 under cast in target area. Formation Leader: Major Roberts.

4. **A/A (air)**
 - a. Seen (not encountered) Nil.
 - b. Encountered. Nil

5. **FLAK:** I A H at Vienna.

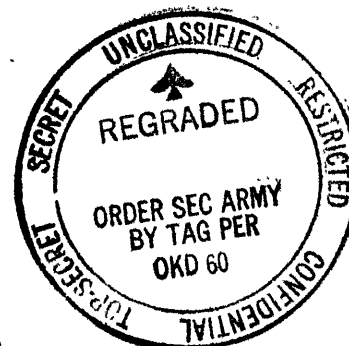
6. **OBSERVATIONS:** At 1900 hours from an altitude of 1000 feet two dinghys were sighted on the water at 4200N - 1523E. A Walrus was seen circling overhead. At 1350 hours a dark grey B-24 with no recognizable markings was observed at 10,000 ft. above 4530N - 1622E. The B-24 disappeared into cloud coverage in the vicinity of Zagreb.

7. **RADIO SECURITY:** Satisfactory.

8. **FRIENDLY A/C:** No incidents.

9. **MISAPPREHENSION:** Nil.

10. **COMMENTS:** Nil.



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12. CONNECTIONS TO TELEPHONE REPORT: NIL.

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NARRATIVE MISSION LOG NO. 168.

REF ID NO. 168 - 90th and 301st Fighter Squadrons, 307

1. MISSION: To provide close escort on penetration, target cover and withdrawal for B-24's of 55th Bomb Wing attacking VIENNA SOUTH GOODS and CEDNAFT DEPOTS.
2. AIRCRAFT STATISTICS: 42 off at 1037 hours. 41 effective sorties. Non-effective sorties: 1 mechanical.

14 A/C B/V at 1215 hours. 27 B/V at 1250 hours.
14 A/C over target at 1340 hours. 27 A/C in T/A at
1300 hours. 41 down at 1535 hours. 1 at F. F.

3. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF MISSION: 42 P-51's proceeded on course to 4523N - 1528E, where at 1215 hours 14 A/C B/V with elements of the assigned bombers of the 55th Wing intermingled with B-24's of the 304th Wing. 27 P-51's continued on course to effect B/V with major force of assigned bombers at 4750N - 1529E, near briefed IP. B/V was accomplished at 1250 hours at an altitude of 23,500 ft. Target cover and withdrawal escort was furnished, our last 14 A/C having left the bombers at 1425 hours at 18,000 ft above 4530N - 1528E. Weather 5 to 8/10 undercast in target area. Formation Leader: Major Roberts.

4. E/A (air)
 - a. Seen (not encountered) Nil.
 - b. Encountered. Nil

5. FLAK: 1 A H at Vienna.

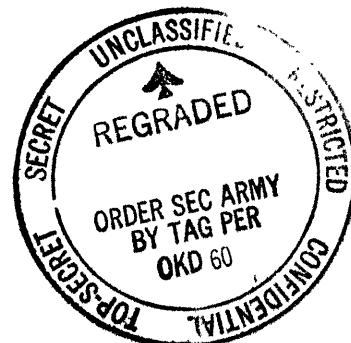
6. OBSERVATIONS: At 1500 hours from an altitude of 1000 feet two dingys were sighted on the water at 4208N - 1523E. A Walrus was seen circling overhead.
At 1350 hours a dark grey B-24 with no recognizable markings was observed at 10,000 feet above 4530N - 1622E. The B-24 disappeared into cloud coverage in the vicinity of Zagreb.

7. RADIO SECURITY: Satisfactory.

8. FRIENDLY A/C: No incidents.

9. STRAFING: Nil.

10. COMMENTS: Nil



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11. CORRECTION TO TELEPHONE RECORD: 141

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NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 168.

MISSION NO. 168 - 99th, 301st and 302nd Fighter Squadrons.

1. MISSION: To provide close escort on penetration, target cover and withdrawal for B-24's of 55th Bomb Wing attacking VIENNA SOUTH GOODS and ORDNANCE DEPOTS.
2. AIRCRAFT STATISTICS: 42 off at 1037 hours. 41 effective sorties. Non-effective sorties: 1 mechanical.

14 A/C R/V at 1215 hours. 27 R/V at 1250 hours.
14 A/C over target at 1340 hours. 27 A/C in T/A at
1300 hours. 41 down at 1535 hours. 1 at F. F.

3. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF MISSION: 42 P-51's proceeded on course to 4523N - 1528E, where at 1215 hours 14 A/C R/V with elements of the assigned bombers of the 55th Wing intermingled with B-24's of the 304th Wing. 27 P-51's continued on course to affect R/V with major force of assigned bombers at 4750N - 1529E, near briefed IP. R/V was accomplished at 1250 hours at an altitude of 23,500 ft. Target cover and withdrawal escort was furnished, our last 14 A/C having left the bombers at 1425 hours at 18,000 ft. above 4250N - 1525E. Weather: 5 to 8/10 under cast in target area. Formation Leader: Major Roberts.

4. E/A (air)
 - a. Seen (not encountered) Nil.
 - b. Encountered. Nil

5. FLAK: I A H at Vienna.

6. OBSERVATIONS: At 1500 hours from an altitude of 1000 feet two dinghys were sighted on the water at 4208N - 1523E. A Walrus was seen circling overhead. At 1350 hours a dark grey B-24 with no recognizable markings was observed at 10,000 ft. above 4530N - 1622E. The B-24 disappeared into cloud coverage in the vicinity of Zagreb.

7. RADIO SECURITY: Satisfactory.

8. FRIENDLY A/C: No incidents.

9. STRAFING: Nil.

10. COMMENTS: Nil.

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11. CORRECTIONS TO TELEPHONIC REPORT: NIL.

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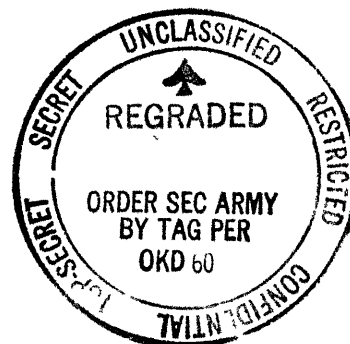
8 February 1945.

NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 167

MISSION NO. 167 - 100th Fighter Squadron.

1. MISSION: To perform fighter sweep for special supply dropping mission in FLATLAN, WAPUN, PARANGUR and BALINCAY, YUGOSLAVIA AREA.
2. AIRCRAFT STATISTICS: 12 off at 1100 hours. 11 effective sorties. Non-effective sorties: 1 mechanical.
3. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF MISSION: 11 P-51's performed fighter sweep in assigned area from 1210 hours at 10,000 feet to 1310 hours. Area was completely covered without incident. Formation Leader: Lt Ellington.
4. REMARKS: At 1303 hours from an altitude of 8,000 feet, a Lysander was seen heading south in the vicinity of landing ground at 4446N - 1640E. Lysander was at altitude of 4,000 feet. P-51's approached and observed British markings on fuselage and saw plane land.

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NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 166

Mission No. 166 - 100th Fighter Squadron.

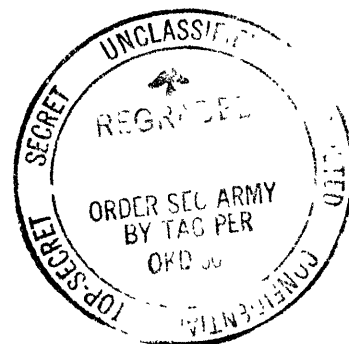
1. Mission and Target: To provide close escort on penetration target cover and withdrawal for 1 P-38 Photo Recon A/C to Stuttgart, Germany.

2. Aircraft and Chronology: 6 P-51's took off from Ramatelli A/D and R/V with Photo Recon A/C over San Severo at 0930 hours. No early returns. Escort was furnished to Lake Constance, arriving at 1130 hours at an altitude of 19,000 feet. Target area cover was furnished until 1200 hours. Formation Leader: Lt. Nelson. Weather: Overcast from 8,000 to 23,000 feet in Lake Constance area.

3. Remarks: Call sign of P-38 Recon A/C was Convent 27.

4. Flak: MIH Bologna, Italy.

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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF MISSION NO. 165

MISSION NO. 165 - 99th and 302nd Fighter Squadrons.

1. **MIS. ION:** To provide close escort on penetration, target cover and withdrawal to B-24's of the 304th Bomb Wing attacking ROOBBENBAUM O/R. Mission was accomplished as briefed.

2. **AIRCRAFT STATISTICS:** 35 off at 1037 hours. 33 effective sorties. Non-effective sorties: 2 mechanical.

33 A/C E/V at 1250 hours. 33 over target at 1435 hours.
33 A/C down at 1707 hours.

3. **NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF MISSION:** 33 F-51's proceeded on as briefed and affected E/V with assigned B-24's of the 304th Bomb Wing at 1250 hours at 25,000 ft. above 4520N - 1450E. Penetration escort was furnished to target area. Arriving at target at 1435 hours, target cover was furnished until 1458 hours. Withdrawal escort was furnished to 4634N - 1540 E, where at 1527 hours, our last 17 A/C left the assigned bombers at 23,000 ft. Weather today, permitted observation of bombs hitting in T/A. Bomber formation was satisfactory. Formation Leader: Capt Grey.

4. **E/A (air)**

- a. Seen (not encountered) Nil.
- b. Encountered. Nil.

5. **FLAK:** I A H at Vienna.

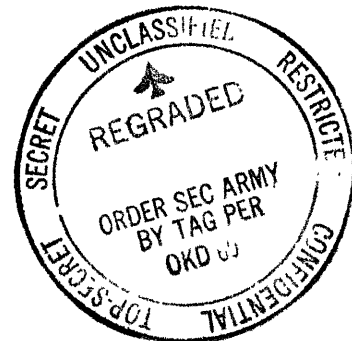
6. **OBSERVATIONS:** Nil.

7. **RADIO SECURITY:** Satisfactory.

8. **FRIENDLY A/C:** No incidents.

9. **STRAFING:** Nil.

10. **COMMENTS:** Nil.





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11. (C) CTION TO EMPLOYE REPORT: NIL.

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NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 164.

MISSION NO. 164 - 100th and 301st Fighter Squadrons.

1. MISSION: To provide close escort on penetration, target cover and withdrawal for B-24s of the 47th Bomb Wing attacking MOOSBIERDAUM O/R in the VIENNA Area. 27 A/C accomplished mission as briefed.

2. AIRCRAFT STATISTICS: 30 off at 1137 hours. 29 effective sorties. Non-effective sorties: 1 mechanical.

27 A/C R/V at 1324 hours. 27 A/C over target at 1420 hours.
27 A/C down at 1707 hours.

3. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF MISSION: 30 P-51s took off from Ramitelli A/D at 1137 hours. 1 returned early. Proceeding on briefed course, 27 A/C accomplished R/V with assigned B-24s of 47th Bomb Wing at 1324 hours at 25,000 feet, above 4710N - 1450E. Close escort was furnished on penetration, target cover and withdrawal. Our last 10 A/C left the B-24s at 1512 hours at 20,000 feet, above 4520N - 1518E. 2 A/C penetrated to 4535N - 1445E at 24,000 feet, where at 1350 hours, they returned as protective escort to a crippled B-24 to ANCONA where bomber was left at 1430 hours. Bomber formation was satisfactory. Formation Leader: Capt Turner.

4. E/A (air).

- a. Seen (not encountered) Nil.
- b. Encountered. Nil.

5. FLAK: I A H at VIENNA.

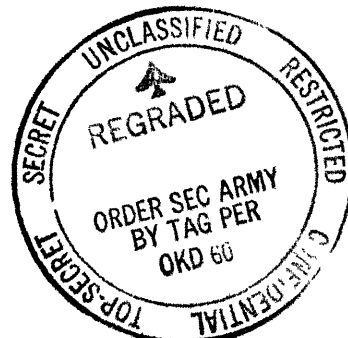
6. OBSERVATIONS: Nil.

7. RADIO SECURITY: Satisfactory.

8. FRIENDLY A/C: One crippled B-24 escorted from 4535N - 1445E at 1350 hours to F/F at ANCONA by 2 A/C of this group.

9. STRAFING: Nil.

10. COMMENTS: Nil.



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11. CORRECTIONS TO TELEPHONIC REPORT: MIL.

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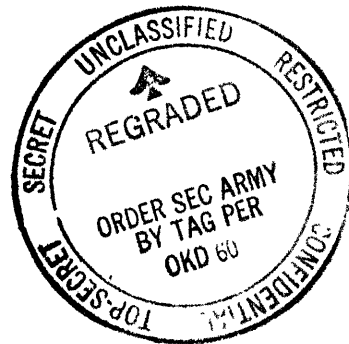
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NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 163.

MISSION NO. 163 - 100th and 302nd Fighter Squadrons.

1. MISSION AND TARGET: To perform fighter sweep for special supply dropping mission in FLOESAN, ICARUS, HARANGE, and VALIC LAY, YUGOSLAVIA AREA.
2. AIRCRAFT AND CHRONOLOGY: 12 P-51's took off from Ramitelli A/D and penetrated to 4358N - 1657E at 1315 hours at an altitude of 8,000 feet. One A/C returned early. Eleven A/C returned from 4358N - 1657E after encountering a solid overcast from mountain tops upto 30,000 feet. No contact could be made with the supply-dropping planes on R/T. All down at base at 1430 hours. Formation Leader: Capt Hutchins.
3. REMARKS: Mission not accomplished because of adverse weather. No sorties.

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11. CORRECTIONS TO TELEPHONE REPORT: NIL

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NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 162.

MISSION NO. 162 - 99th, 100th, 301st and 302nd Fighter Squadrons.

1. MISSION: To provide close escort on penetration, target cover and withdrawal for B-24's of the 47th Bomb Wing to SALZBURG MAIN STATION M/Y. 35 A/C accomplished mission as briefed. ①

2. AIRCRAFT STATISTICS: 51 off at 1054 hours. 46 effective sorties. Non-effective sorties: 1 mech; 1 cockpit; 2 escort; 1 weather.

35 A/C R/V at 1241 hours. 35 A/C over target at 1320 hours.
46 A/C down at 1430 hours.

3. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF MISSION: 51 P-51's took off from Ramitelli A/D at 1054 hours. 5 returned early. In a group formation the four squadron penetrated to 1405N - 1402E on course, where at 22,000 feet one squadron of eleven A/C became separated from the formation during a 360 degree right turn to circumvent a 10/10 cloud coverage. These eleven A/C continued alone to a point just south of target area and returned directly to base. 35 A/C R/V with the assigned B-24's of the 47th Bomb Wing at 1241 hours, 26,000 feet above 4702N - 1222E and furnished escort on FTW. Bomber formation was satisfactory. Formation Leader: Major Roberts.

4. E/A (air). a. Seen (not encountered). Nil. b. Encountered. Nil.

5. FLAK: Nil.

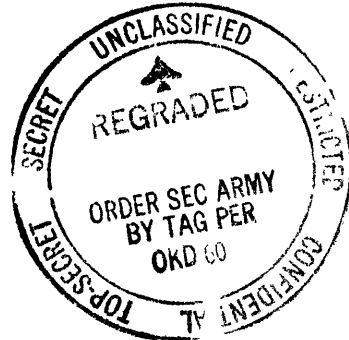
6. OBSERVATIONS: Nil.

7. RADIO SECURITY: Unsatisfactory: Entirely too much radio chatter during moments of bad weather and while in target area.

8. FRIENDLY A/C: At 26,000 feet above target area 4 P-51's with checkered tails along with 4 yellow tailed B-51's approached our formation headon at 1322 hrs.

9. STRAFING: Nil. /

10. COMMENTS: Nil.



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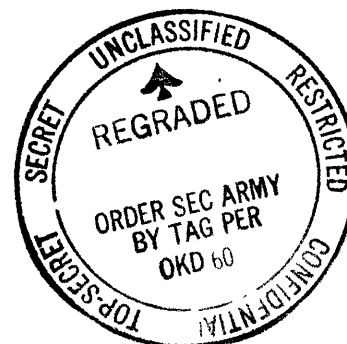
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RELATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 161

MISSION NO. 161 - 301st Fighter Squadron.

1. MISSION AND TARGET: To provide close escort on penetration target cover and withdrawal for 1 P-38 Photo Recon A/C to Munich, Germany.
2. ~~MISSION AND TARGET~~: 6 P-51's took off from Ramitelli A/D and R/V with Photo Recon over Lake Isana at 1100 hours. 2 returned early (2 mech). Escort was furnished to a city believed to be Salzburg, arriving at 1245 hours at an altitude of 25,000 feet. Target area cover was furnished until 1255 hours. Withdrawal cover was furnished to Ramitelli A/D. 4 P-51's down at base at 1500 hours. Formation Leader: Lt. Morris.
3. REMARKS: Call sign of P-38 Recon A/C was Grassland 88.

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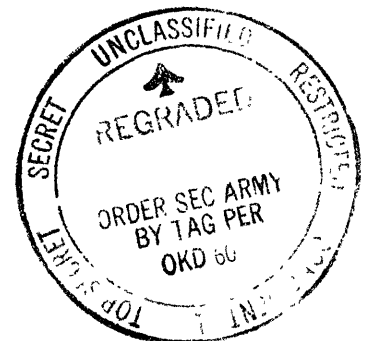
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NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 159.

MISSION NO. 159 - 10th and 301st Fighter Squadrons.

1. MISSION AND TARGET: To provide close escort on penetration target cover and withdrawal for B-24s of 49th Bomb Wing to GOSSBERGBAUM G/R, in the Vienna Area.
2. AIRCRAFT AND CHRONOLOGY: 27 P-51s took off from Panitelli A/D at 1010 hours. 2 returned early. (1 mech, 1 cockpit). 25 P-51s penetrated to 4727N - 1515E and received sorties. 25 down at base at 1540 hours.
3. ROUTE: Base to F/V, to 4727N - 1515E, returned directly to base.
4. RENDEZVOUS, FORMATION AND ASSAULT: 25 P-51s in a 2 squadron formation proceeded on course to F/V with B-24s of 47th, 55th and 304th Bomb Wings after a search failed to reveal the assigned B-24s of the 49th Bomb Wing. F/V was effected with 47th, 55th and 304th Wings at 1206 hours at 23,000 feet above 4631N 1712E and furnished escort to 4727N - 1515E where at 25,000 feet at 1320 hours, the formation leader discontinued escort after observing other fighters furnishing protective escort. Bombers seemed confused in determining target.
5. RESULTS OF BOMBING: Not observed.
6. STRAFING: Nil.
7. GROUND AIR - RESISTANCE AND ACTIVITY: Nil.
8. FLAK: Nil.
9. SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS: Nil.
10. WEATHER: Did not affect mission of fighters.
11. AIR - SEA RESCUE: Nil.
12. RADIO SECURITY: Good.
13. FRIENDLY A/C LOST OR IN DIFFICULTY: None.
14. FRIENDLY A/C SEVERELY DESTROYED BY OTHER GROUPS: None.



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COMMENTS:

15. VICTORIES AND LOSSES:

<u>Destroyed:</u>	<u>Victories:</u>	<u>Downed:</u>
0	<u>Prob. Dest.</u>	0
	0	

LOSSES:

<u>AIR LOSSES:</u>	<u>PILOTS:</u>	<u>FIGHTERS:</u>	<u>OTHERS:</u>
Lost	0	0	0
Missing	0	0	0
Damaged (non-repairable)	0	0	0
Damaged (repairable)	0	0	0
Downed	0	0	0

16. SORTIES: 25.

17. FORMATION LEADERS AND FLT LEADERS: Col Davis. Lts Ellington, Martin, Simmons, Walker 100th. Capt Max Daniel, Lts Davis, Harris 301st.

18. COMMENTS: Mission not accomplished as briefed.

19. CAPTURES OF TELEPHONIC MISSION REPORTS: Nil.

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OPERATIVE REPORT T. O. 160.

MISSION: P. 100 - 1000 and 3rd Fighter Squadrons.

1. MISSION AND TARGET: To provide close escort on penetration, target cover and withdrawal for B-24s of 47th Bomb Wing to MOOSLEINWALD O/R, Vienna area.

2. AIRCRAFT AND CHRONOLOGY: 27 P-51s took off from Panitzsch A/D at 1110 hours. 1 returned early (1 mech.). 26 A/C penetrated to and furnished target cover at Graz (an alternate target) and received sorties. 26 down at base at 1606 hours.

3. ROUTE: Base to T/V to Graz, returned directly to base.

4. REPERCUSSIONS, FORMATION AND ASSAULT: 2 squadrons of P-51s from this group A/V with B-24s of 49th Bomb Wing at 1348 hours at 24,000 ft. above 4727N - 1600E. 26 P-51s furnished penetration escort and target cover at Graz, (an alternate target) arriving at 1355 hours at 25,000 ft. and departing at 1420 hours at 27,000 ft. Withdrawal escort was furnished to 4515N - 1540E, where at 1440 hours our last 9 A/C left the 49th Bomb Wing B-24s at 25,000 ft. Bomber formation was good.

5. RESULTS OF BOMBING: Results of bombing not observed.

6. STRAFING: Nil.

7. ENEMY AIR - RESISTANCE AND ACTIVITY: Nil.

8. FLAK: I I H at Graz.

9. SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS: Nil.

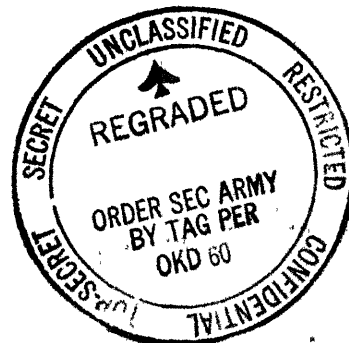
10. WEATHER: Did not affect fighter's mission.

11. AIR - SEA RESCUE: Nil.

12. RADIO SECURITY: Satisfactory.

13. FRIENDLY A/C LOST OR IN DIFFICULTY: None.

14. ENEMY A/C BEEN DESTROYED BY OTHER GROUPS: None.



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CONCLUSIONS

15. VICTORIES AND LOSSES:

<u>Destroyed:</u>	<u>Victories:</u> <u>Prob. Lost.</u>	<u>Damaged</u>
0	0	0

LOSSES

<u>OUR LOSSES:</u>	<u>PLAN:</u>	<u>FIGHTERS:</u>	<u>OTHERS:</u>
Lost	0	0	0
Missing	0	0	0
Damaged (non-repairable)	0	0	0
Damaged (repairable)	0	0	0
Wounded	0	0	0

16. SCRIPTS: 28.

17. FORMATION LEADERS AND FLT LEADERS: Capt Pierson. Lts Dart, Davis, Cox 99th; Capt Weathers, Hutchins, Lt. Walker 302nd.

18. COMMENTS: NIL.

19. CORRECTIONS OF TELEPHONE MISSION REPORTS: NIL.

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COLLECTED SUPPLEMENT TO NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 158 DATED 31 JAN. 1945

Paragraphs 2, 4 and 16 of Narrative Mission Report No. 158 should read as follows.

2. AIRCRAFT AND CHRONOLOGY: 55 P-51s took off from Hamitelli A/D at 1128 hours. 13 returned early (6 mech, 5 escort, 2 cockpit) 42 P-51s provided protection cover in T/A and received sorties. 42 down at base at 1625 hours.

4. REFERENCES, FORMATION AND ASSAULT: 55 P-51s in a 4 squadron group formation proceeded on briefed course to R/V point where at 1308 hours B-24s of the 47th Bomb Wing's (Blue Force) arrived 15 minutes after scheduled R/V time. 27 P-51s joined the assigned bombers of the 47th at R/V with 4 P-51s turning back immediately after R/V and were classed as H.E.S. 23 continued to target area. 23 P-51s furnished escort on withdrawal for 47th Wing to 4700N - 1500E where at 26,000 feet at 1530 hours they left the bombers. Remaining at assigned R/V point until 1530 hours, 10 P-51s R/V with B-24s of the 55th Wing's (Blue Force) 30 minutes late, (bombers were late) and furnished penetration, target cover and withdrawal to 4625N - 1543E, where at 1530 hours our fighters left the bombers at 26,000 feet. Bomber formations were satisfactory.

16. SORTIES: 42.

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