

A NOTE ON EIGHTH AIR FORCE SUMMARIES

EIGHTH AIR FORCE NARRATIVES OF OPERATIONS DESCRIBE OPERATIONS BY BOMBARDMENT DIVISION AND DATE AND INCLUDE: STATISTICAL DATA CONCERNING AIRCRAFT DISPATCHED, ATTACKING, FAILING TO BOMB, LOST, CLAIMS OF ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED, AND PERSONNEL CASUALTIES; BOMBING RESULTS; ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS; ANTI-AIRCRAFT OPPOSITION; ROUTE; FRIENDLY FIGHTER AIRCRAFT SUPPORT; OBSERVATIONS; AND WEATHER. BRIEF OVERALL DESCRIPTIVE NARRATIVES INCLUDED IN EIGHTH AIR FORCE NARRATIVES AS WELL AS NARRATIVES OF 8TH FIGHTER COMMAND OPERATIONS.

EIGHTH AIR FORCE NARRATIVES OF OPERATIONS REPLACED [end of may 1944] BY INTOPS (INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS) SUMMARIES WHICH ARE MORE GENERAL IN SCOPE AND COVER ALL 8TH AIR FORCE OPERATIONS IN A SPECIFIC 24 HOUR PERIOD. INTOPS SUMMARIES ARE SIMILAR TO NARRATIVES OF OPERATIONS BUT INFORMATION IS ORGANIZED ACCORDING TO TYPES OF OPERATIONS: HEAVY BOMBER AIRCRAFT ATTACKS; FIGHTER ESCORTS; FIGHTER SWEEPS; FIGHTER BOMBING; PHOTOGRAPHIC RECONNAISSANCE; WEATHER RECONNAISSANCE; SPECIAL OPERATIONS AND ESCORT OPERATIONS OF 9TH FIGHTER COMMAND. DAMAGE TO ENEMY INSTALLATIONS DESCRIBES BOMBING RESULTS ON SPECIFIC TARGETS BY TARGET LOCALITY NAME.

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