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"FIGHTER BOMBING ROUGH", SAYS VETERAN NINTH AIR FORCE PILOT

"Fighter bombing is plenty rough", reported a veteran P-47.D. Thunderbolt pilot of the U.S. Ninth Air Force today after a three-mile dive at terrific speed over Abbeville in France.

First Lt. Frank H. Peppers, Brooklyn, New York, holder of the Air Medal and Three Oak Leaf Clusters, describing his dive from 20,000 to 3,000 feet at more than 400 miles an hour, said: "You've got to pull out easy, not too steep, and nurse the stick back after starting to level off. Coming out of the dive you feel mighty heavy, pushing through the seat. But easy does it, and you won't black out or even grey out. After the bomb is released, the ship leaps up like a cork in the water".

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