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Extract of Message from to HQ, 9th AF from HQ 9th Tactical  
Air Command about activity during the night of 21/22 Nov 1944

The 422d Night Fighter Squadron encountered:

"4-6 Jet E/A in Coblenz area, 1900-2000 hours. 3 seen at one time, line abreast. 1 twin ket [sic] E/A senn in same area...."

For night 27/28 Nov 1944:

"Three jet planes active in Cologne-Bonn area, 2330-0330."

Some aviation historians have spoken on the lack of German jet night fighter squadrons in this area. However, the radar and other training to make good night fighters might not be needed if the only purpose was to attack ground positions at night.

The 422d NFS was LTC (later Gen) O. B. Johnson's squadron. Because of his attitude they could not report "foo-fighters," they could, however, report "jets" and "rockets." They did make such reports with the regularity that the 415th reported "foo-fighters."

The question is what night jet activity was there near the Rhein and Mossel areas.

The British pilots reported "phoo-fighters," "The Light" or "The Thing." They also tried to rationalize their sightings by saying there was some type of light located in the nose of the enemy aircraft. Later their reports became jets or rockets.

It would be interesting to know to what extend German jets were active at night. Any information on German jet night activity would be most welcome.

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