

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT.

5 January 1944.

Made landfall 2600 at Frederickoog at 1105. At this time squadron was early. So they gagged around vicinity of Neumunster for fifteen minutes. Just as group was going to swing and head for Kiel Lt. French reported engine trouble - his flight turned and started to escort him home when 20 to 30 FW190's were seen heading for Kiel. 6 E/AC from this formation bounced this flight. Lt. French's plane was hit by E/AC. The E/AC behind Lt. French followed him down staying behind and shooting all the way. Lt. Bisher saw what he believed to be Lt. French's chute open. The rest of the group continued turned by this time to help flight in distress and ran into remainder of 20 to 30 AC. These FW 190's had belly tank. Lt. Frey saw one with a yellow spinner - one made attempt to drop belly tank on our AC. There were several encounters during the melee immediately after the encounter group orbited the area trying to pick up stragglers - during this time 2 to 3 E/AC were seen above our formation. The E/AC would stay up, feint about and pull back up. Several E/AC were seen to take off from airdrome at Altona. After the encounter the group left in small flights and headed for home. Landfall out Cuxhaven 1200 at 22,000 feet. Intense flak over Frisian Islands. Lt. Altman was seen to get hit by flak. He split s'd out and went straight down into the mud South shore of Wangerooge Island. Convoy seen. 5 merchant vessels; 2 smaller vessels believed to be mine sweepers were headed NE just of Island. Kiel, Hamburg, and Bremen were visible. Saw good smoke screen cover over these cities. Smoke screen at Hamburg and on North shore of Elde River. Weather clear from 70 East into target. 5/10th's to 8/10's over channel - contrails started at 26,000 feet. E/T good. Intermittent jamming.

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CORRECTED MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

- A. 20TH FIGHTER GROUP, MAJOR R.P.MONTGOMERY LEADING.
 - B. 32- P-EI'S, 8-55TH, 12-77THSQ. 12-79TH. UP 0911 DOWN AT 1340.
 - C. SIX. 2- ENGINE TROUBLE, 1-ESCORT. 1-OIL COOLER, 1-TWIST IN BELLY TANK BITE, 1- PILOT ERROR.
 - D. TARGET AREA SUPPORT- FIELD ORDER 213.
 - E. 3- 1BY FLAK, 1-BY E/A, 1-NYR UNKNOWN.
 - F. NIL.
 - G. 3- LT. CARBAJOL-REASON UNKNOWN.
- REPEATING G.
- G. 3- LT. FRENCH SHOT DOWN BY E/A , LT. ALTMAN SHOT DOWN BY FLAK, LT. CARBAJOL- MISSING -REASON UNKNOWN.
 - H. 0-1-1
- 1FW 190 PROBABLY DESTROYED- MAJOR MONTGOMERY(GROUP LEADER)
 - 1FW 190 DAMAGED-LT. W.B. TAYLOR-55TH SQ.

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- I. GROUP MADE LANDFALL OUT ENGLISH COAST 0949, LANDFALL IN ENEMY COAST 1105, 25,000FT. AT BUSUM; PROCEEDED TO AREA OF NEW NEUMUNSTER WHERE AREA WAS SWEEP GROUP BEING 20 MIN. EARLY. GROUP WAS BOUNCED 20 MILES WEST OF NEUMUNSTER AT 1123 WHILE AT 25,000 BY 20 PLUS E/A ME 109 AND FW 190S.
- LT. FRENCH SAID HE WAS HAVING ENGINE TROUBLE AND A MOMENT LATER WAS SEEN HIT BY 3 ATTACKING FW 190S AT 15000 AND WAS BAILING OUT.

MAJOR MONTGOMERY'F LIGHT BOUNCED 2 FW 190S IN SAME AREA AT ABOUT SAME -12-
TIME FROM 25,000 MAJ. MONTGOMERY FIRING 2 TO 3 SECOND BURSTS FROM
ASTERN. PIECES WERE SEEN FALLING OFF FUSELAGE AND WING OF E/A WHICH
TURNED OVER AND WAS LAST SEEN GOING STRAIGHT DOWN. GROUP FLEW AROUND
EX IN GENERAL AREA NEUMUNSTER, LUBECK, HAMBURG, WHILE REFORMING AND
STARTED HOME AT 1147, MAKING LANDFALL OUT NEAR DORUM AT 1153 AT 23,000
FT. BOMBERS WERE SEEN NORTH OF KIEL WHEN GROUP WAS ~~KXKX~~ LEAVING,
79TH SQ. REPORTING CONCENTRATED BURSTS IN TARGET AREA.

LT. ALTMAN RECEIVED A DIRECT FLAK HIT OVER WANGEROOGE ISLAND AT 1205
AT 23,000, NOSED DOWN ON FIRE AND WENT INTO MUD ON SHORE OF WANGEROOGE.
NO CHUTE SEEN. ONE ME 109 WITH SQUARE WING-TIPS, COLORED LIGHT CREAM
WITH RED AND BLACK CROSSES, 1 ALL SILVER ME 109, 1 ALL SILVER 190,
AND 1 FW 190 WITH YELLOW SPINNER SEEN. SOME FW 190 SEEN CARRYING BELLY
TANKS, ONE OF WHICH ATTEMPTED TO DROP TANK ON OUR FORMATION. INTENSE
ACCURATE FLAK ENCOUNTERED OVER EAST FRISIAN ISLANDS,
NEUMUNSTER, AND JUST NORTH OF HAMBURG. 5 M/VS AND 2 SMALLER VESSELS
BELIEVED TO BE MINESWEEPERS WERE SEEN OFF NORDENAY HEADING N. E, AT
1210.

SMOKE POTS WERE VISIBLE AT KIEL LUBECK, HAMBURG, WILHELMSHAVEN, BREMEN
AND EMDEN. WEATHER: 9/10 CLOUD COVER STARTED OFF ENGLISH COAST WITH
TOP AT 10,000 FT. AND CONTINUED TO EAST FRISIAN ISLANDS, TOP RISING TO
14,000. BECAME SCATTERED AT 25,000 FT. TO TARGET AREA WHERE IT BECAME
CLEAR. GROUP LEADER BELIEVES ERROR IN WINDS RESPONSIBLE FOR EARLY ARRIVAL
GERMAN COAST, AND LATE ARRIVAL BACK TO BASE. R/T EXCELLENT

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TELEPHONE FLASH REPORT

F.O. 213DATE 4 January 1944.

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a. Designation of Unit	55th Fighter Squadron.
b. Time of Landing	1340
c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	2 NYR's Lt. French & Lt Altman lost.
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed Probable 1. Damaged
e. Brief description of Mission	Landfall in Fredrickskoog at 1105. 20 E/A encountered over Neumunster. Silver 109 and 190. Flak intense over Wangerooge and Spiekerooge also over Wilhemshaven. 1200 Cuxhoven. Saw 1 - P-38 shot down by 109 Neumunster at 1125. Lt. French shot down Neumunster. Lt. Altman seen to go in at Wangerooge at 1205 hit by flak.
f. Weather - Battle Damage	5 to 8 over. Clear over target. 2 ships lost - 1 by flak 1 by E/A. 2 minor flak damage.

TELEPHONE FLASH REPORT

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a. Designation of Unit	77th Fighter Group.
b. Time of Landing	1315.
c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed Probable 1 Damaged FW190
e. Brief description of Mission	Landfall in Busum at 1105 at 25,000 feet. Thence to Neumunster. Group turned 180o to aid P-38. Red leader made bounce on 190 approximately 25 minutes west of Neumunster, at 1120 25,000 to 18,000. Over Wesenmunde 1153 at 25,000 feet. 38 seen hit by flak 1200 over East Frisian & seen to crash in mud.
f. Weather - Battle Damage	Overcast from mid-channel to East Frisians.

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DATE 4 January 1944.

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a. Designation of Unit	79th Fighter Squadron.
b. Time of Landing	1340
c. Aircraft NVR (State if believed Lost)	
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed Probable Damaged
e. Brief description of Mission	Arrived at target 1117 orbited south of target includes Lubeck area. Saw 15-18 EA/Cbelieved to be 109's. Several BOUNCED NO claims left target at 1132. Bombing looked very concentrated. Smoke pot everywhere and flak everywhere. 15 ships North of Shillig, four big airfields.
f. Weather - Battle damage	Very clear to target. Bad on way home. Flak intense. No battle damage.

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- A. 77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group, Lt. Col. Russell leading.
- B. 12 up at 0911. 6 down at 1315.
- C. 5 - 2 engine trouble.
 1 escort
 1 oil cooler.
 1 pilot error.
- D. Target Support. Field Order 213.
- E. Nil. One NYR. F/O B. Carbajal.
- F. Nil.
- G. F/O. B. Carbajal NYR.
- H. O-1-O Major Montgomery One FW 190. (Probably destroyed)
- I. Landfall in at Busum, at 1105 at 25,000 feet. This was 20 minutes early so group zig-zagged along course near north of Neumaster-Meade 180° turn. Red flight led by Major Montgomery bounced two 190's which were on tail of P-38. Major Montgomery fired on first 190 observing strikes on right wing near fuselage and pieces coming off. This e/s was also fired on by Red No. 2. Red 3 & 4 turned into second 190 which dove away and 3 and 4 returned to altitude. Red No 2. also fired on 109 which flew in front of his nose while climbing back to altitude. Squadron milling around between Hamburg and Wesermunde proceeded out north of Wesermunde at 1153 at 25,000. Smoke pots seen at Hamburg, Wilhelmshaven and Kiel approximately 10 to 12 seen in vicinity all single engine except one Me 110. One Me 109 seemed to have square wing-tips and was colored light cream with red and black crosses. Over east Frisian islands P-38 seen smoking at 21,000 feet at about 1200. Gradually plane nosed down and dove into mud. No chute seen. Flak must have hit plane. North of mouth of Weser river three ships seen. Flak heavy and accurate over Frisian islands. Flak ships seen north of these. Flak also encountered in inland areas. Bombers were seen approaching from north. Solid overcast to end of near Frisian islands. 2/10 light clouds beyond that point. Visability over Germany excellent.

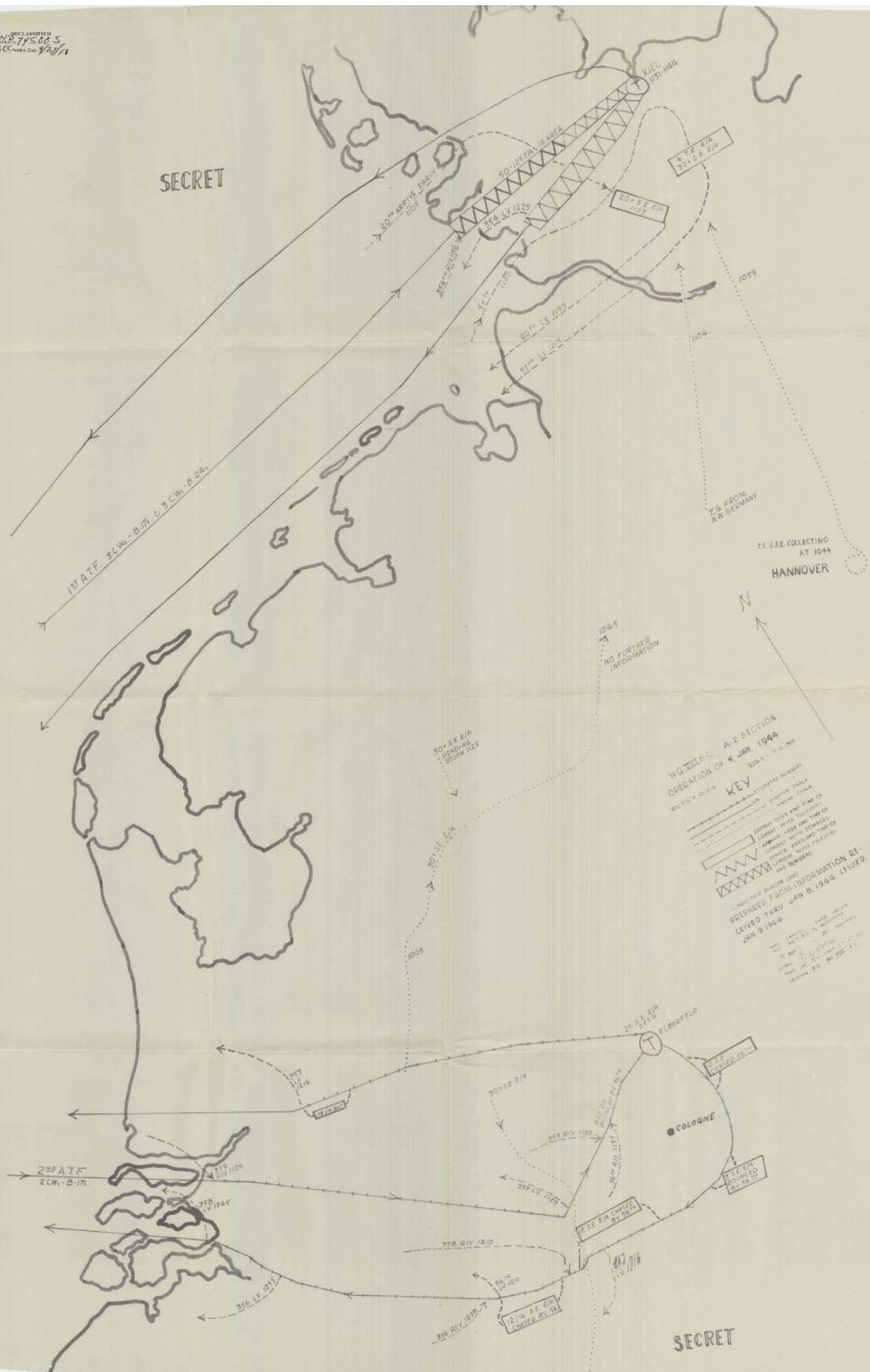
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MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

5 January 1943.

- a. 79th F. Sq. 20th F. Gp.
- b. 12 P-38s Up:0912; Down:1340.
- c. One P-38 - twist in belly tank tube.
- d. Target Support - F. O. 213
- e. None
- f. None
- g. None
- h. None
- (1) Weather - clear over target; 10/10 clouds over channel at 12,000'.
- (2) About 15 s.e.a/c were seen in target area and Lubeck area some with black and white stripes; E a/c were above our planes - approx. 31,000 Me 109s and FW 190s.
- (3) Lots of flak over Frisian Islands and over German fields and cities and towns in vicinity of Neumunster, Kiel, Lubeck and along coast. Flak aimed at fighters and was accurate and intense at 19 to 23000. One plane from 77th at 21,000 hit by flak from Wangerooge and crashed on Spiekeroog Is. Pilot was not seen to bail out.
- (4) None from this squadron. 77th plane seen hit by flak.
- (5) E a/c were always high except when they made passes.
- (6) None
- (7) Arrived at the target about 1117, 20 minutes early and swept area south of Kiel including Lubeck and Neumunster until 1150. Bombers north of Kiel and leaving area when last of our planes left. Bombs fell over very small area- well concentrated. Smokescreens seen over all towns and cities including Kiel, Lubeck, Emden, Rustringen, Bremerhaven. 2 A/D seen vicinity Tellingstedt and Burg, triangular and large; 15 ships North of Rustringen; 4 M/V seen north of Baltrum going east.

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