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HEADQUARTERS
AAF STATION F-367
APO 637

4 February 1944.

SUBJECT: Summary of Mission to Wilhelmshaven. Field Order No. 233 dated 3 February 1944.

TO : Commanding General, 67th Fighter Wing, AAF Station F-372, APO 637 U. S. ARMY.

1. Group proceeded as briefed, rendezvousing with the bombers three minutes ahead of schedule. We escorted six combat wings of B-17's around the target and out into the North Sea without seeing any enemy aircraft. Some flak was observed shortly after rendezvous and also over the target area.

2. The entire flight was over 10/10 cloud rising as high as 28,000 feet. The bombers maintained a fair formation at this extreme altitude but had many stragglers.

R.P. MONTGOMERY,
Lt. Colonel, Air Corps,
Executive.

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

- A. 20TH FIGHTER GROUP, LT. COL. MONTGOMERY LEADING.
- B. 38 P-38's UP 0946 DOWN 1340
- C. 4
- D. VIII F. C. F. O. 233 RAMROD TARGET SUPPORT.
- E. THRU H. NIL.
- I. IN ALKMAAR, 1040, 25,000 FEET R/V, 1059 (3 MINUTES EARLY), 6 C. W'S
1ST BOMB DIVISION, 28,000 FEET EMMEN, OUT 1130, SPIEKEROOG, 17,000
FEET. WID 1205, 54° 5' E. MET P-47'S MID NORTH SEA, TOGETHER UNTIL
TGT. P-51'S OVER TARGET TO WID. NO E/A SEEN.

BOMBER FORMATION RAR, MANY TRAILING.

INTENSE HEAVY FLAK R/V AND TGT.

R/T GOOD

WEATHER: 10'10'S CLOUD TOP 24,000 MID NORTH SEA EN ROUTE IN. TOP
28,000 CONTINENT TARGET NORTH SEA BACK NON PERSISTENT. CONTRAILS
27,000 FEET.

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

F.O. 233
3 FEBRUARY, 1944
BOMBER ESCORT
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A. 55TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, CAPT. MCAULEY, LEADING

B. 14 A/C UP WITTING 0946, 11 DOWN 1330 HOURS.

C. 3

D. BOMBER ESCORT 233

E THRU H. NIL

1. LAND FALL IN 25,000 FEET NEAR ALKMAAR AT 1013. P-47'S
SEEN ALL THE WAY. FIRST SEEN NEAR WASNUM. R/V WITH 3RD
DIVISION. B-17'S AT 29,000 FEET AT 1102. BOMBER
FORMATION GOOD - BOXES STRUNG OUT. P-51'S OVER TARGET.
B-17 SEEN FALLING FROM FORMATION PRIOR TO TARGET. BOMB
DOORS OPEN, BUT DID NOT DROP BOMBS LEVELLED OFF AFTER
2,000 FEET DROP. 29,000 FEET OVER TARGET. L/F OUT
15,000 FEET AT 1135 HOURS NEAR HAGE. FIVE (5) MV'S
SEEN BETWEEN BORKUM AND JUIST ISLANDS, HEADED WEST.

WEATHER -- 4 TO 5 LAYERS OVER CHANNEL. OVERCAST
22/23,000 AT L/F. 8 TO 9/10 OVER CONTINENT. COMPLETE

R/T GOOD

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MISSION SUMMARY REPORT FEBRUARY 3, 1944

- A. 77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group, Lt. Col. R.P. Montgomery leading.
- B. 14 up at 0947. 13 down at 1332.
- C. One
- D. Escort and Target Support, Field Order No. 233.
- E. Nil.
- F. Nil.
- G. Nil.
- H. Nil.

I. Due to complete overcast unable to note landfall but Believe it was sixteen miles north of Bergen ann Zee at 1043 at 26,000 ft. R/V with bombers at 1059 and flew along with them until 1205 where group withdrew on course. Approx 54° N. - 5° E.

Bombers were 1st Div. with triangle on tail flying at 27-29,000 feet, 6 boxes identified flying in loose formation. On box bombers bombed at 1119. A good many stragglers seen. No enemy aircraft seen. Flak was moderate and accurate to height sometimes, but trailing. White marker flak seen in target area at 1116 and near R/V. Near mid-channel on way back bombers seen to bear left flying approx. parallel to front.

Overcast at 20,000 feet at English coast. Up to 24,000 ft. at mid-channel. 26-27,000 over continent. And up to 29,000 over channel back in till near mid-channel then drops down. Cloud deck 9/10 3,000 feet. Turbulence rough. Contrails 16,000: persistent at 23,000 feet.

2nd Lt. Rader flew relay over channel with 79th Ftr Sq.

MISSION REPORT

3 February 1944

A. 79th Fighter Squadron Capt. Lindol F. Graham, leading.

B. 10 P-38s; Up: 0951; Down: 1349; 1 P-38 Relay Up: 1019
Down: 1305

C. None

D. Ramrod - Heavy bomber escort; F. O. 233

E. None

F. None

G. None

H. 0-0-0

I. Due to overcast, landfall unknown. Altitude 25,000.
R/V P-47s and bombers at 1058 altitude 28,000. Over target
at 28,000 feet at 1117. Landfall out on course altitude 17,000.
Weather 10/10 over channel 8/10 to 9/10 over continent,
slightly broken over target, visibility good above over-
cast. Bomber formation good several stragglers seen on
course home. R/T good. Three large freighters and one
small freighter seen off FRAsian Islands course 340.

ORVILLE E. MINTUN
1st Lt., Air Corps
Intelligence Officer

TELEPHONE FLASH REPORT

F.O. 233DATE 3 February 1944

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a. Designation of Unit	20TH FIGHTER GROUP.
b. Time of Landing	1340
c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	1 NYR
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed 0 Probable 0 Damaged 0
e. Brief description of Mission	L/F in Alkmaar, 1040, 25,000 feet. R/V 1059 (3 minutes early) with 1st Div. B-17's, 2nd A.T.F. (6 C. W.'s) Emmen, 29,000 feet. L/F put 17,000 feet, 1130, Spiekeroog. W/D 1205, 54 degrees N 5 degrees E.
f. Weather - Battle damage	24,000 feet ceiling mid-channel. 28,000 over continent, target and North Sea. Contrails at 27,000 feet.

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TELEPHONE FLASH REPORT

F.O. 233

DATE 3 February 1944

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a. Designation of Unit	55TH FIGHTER SQUADRON
b. Time of Landing	1330
c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	NIL
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed <input type="checkbox"/> Probable <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged <input type="checkbox"/>
e. Brief description of Mission	L/F Alkmaar, 1043, 25,000 feet, R/V with bombers 1102, vicinity Meppel, 29,000 feet, 1st Div. force (Formation good). Intense, heavy flak over target. W/D beyond Frisian Islands. L/F out 1135, 15,000 feet on course or 1 island to left.
f. Weather - Battle damage	10/10 over target, 8-9/10 over continent.

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a. Designation of Unit	77TH FIGHTER SQUADRON
b. Time of Landing	1332
c. Aircraft W/R (State if believed Lost)	NIL
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed 0 Probable 0 Damaged 0
e. Brief description of Mission	L/F in on course 26,000 feet, 1032. E/V 1059 with 1st Div. bombers, 6 C.W.'s. 1 box bombed 1119. L/F out 30,000 feet, 1125, place unknown. W/D 1205 at 54 degrees N 5 degrees E. No E/A seen. Altitude 30-31,000 feet.
f. Weather - Battle damage	Overcast 20,000 feet (Eng. Coast) up to 24,000 feet mid-channel. 26-27,000 feet over continent. Up to 29,000 feet over channel on way back until mid-channel where it dropped off to 9/10 at 3,000 feet. Contrails at 16,000 feet, persistent at 23,000 feet.

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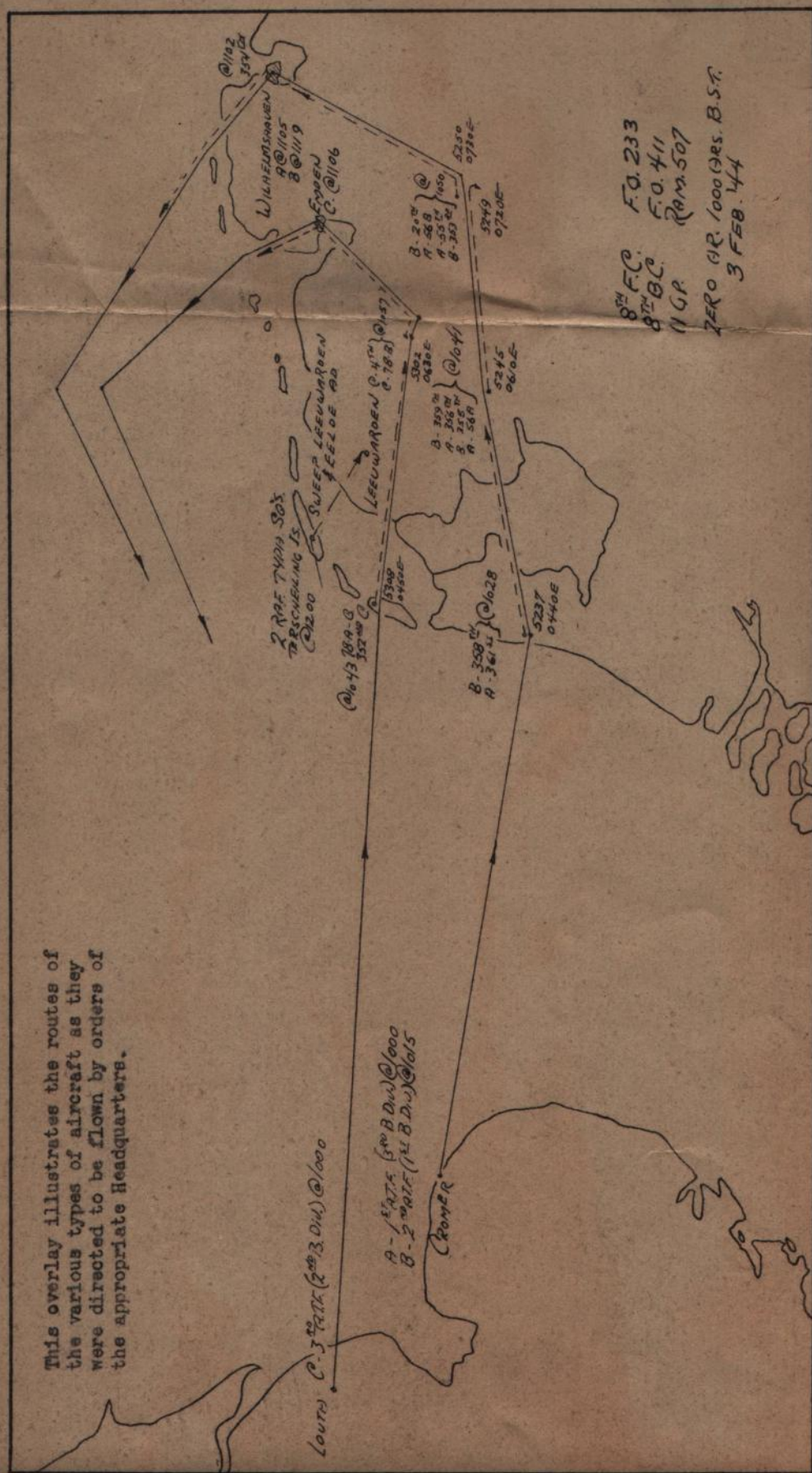
F.O. 233

DATE 3 February 1944

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a. Designation of Unit	<u>79TH FIGHTER SQUADRON.</u>
b. Time of Landing	<u>1349</u>
c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	<u>4 NYR</u>
d. Estimated Claims	<u>Destroyed 0 Probable 0 Damaged 0</u>
e. Brief description of Mission	<u>L/F in obscured, overcast. R/V 28,000 feet. 4 minutes early. At target 28,000 feet. L/F out on course at 17,000 feet. Bomber formation good. R/T good</u>
f. Weather - Battle damage	<u>10/10 over North Sea, 8-9/10 over continent. Slight break over target. Visibility good above overcast.</u>

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