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MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

- A. 20TH FIGHTER GROUP, COL. RUSSELL LEADING.  
B. 40 P-38'S UP 0912 DOWN 1326  
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C. 1  
D. VIII F.C. F. O. 235 RAMROD TARGET SUPPORT.  
E. NIL  
F. 2  
1 CRASH LANDED, CAT. E(E/A BATTLE DAMAGE.)  
1 CAT. A (E/A)  
G. NIL  
H. 2-0-0  
1FW 200, DESTROYED, LT. COL. MONTGOMERY, CAPT. SABO, LT. DAVIS (SHARED), 77TH SQDN.  
1 HE 111, DESTROYED, LTS. MORRIS AND FRANKS (SHARED) 77TH SQDN.  
I. L/F 1010, 16,000 FEET, FECAMP. R/V 2 C. W.'S B-17'S (1ST BOMB DIV.) 1C. W. B-24'S, 1030, 16,000 FEET AS BRIEFED. OUT 1230, DIEPPE, 16,000 FEET. BOMBER FORMATION GOOD. 20 FW 100'S MADE DIVING BOUNCE BOMBERS AT ROMORATIN. DISPERSED. APPROXIMATELY 4 FW 200'S AND 6 HE 111'S SEEN AVORD AERODROME. 77TH SQDN. BOUN-  
-X ED 4 TAKING OFF, DESTROYING 1FW 200 AND 1 HE 111, 50-500 FEET, 4 MILES FROM AERODROME. B-24 DOWN IN FLAMES BLOIS, NO CHUTES SEEN. P-47'S SEEN CHASING 2 HE 109'S NW PARIS. STRIKES SCORED. BOMBING EXCELLENT. P-47' SEEN ALL THE WAY IN AND OUT.  
R/T GOOD.

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HEADQUARTERS  
20th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces  
AAF Station F-367 APO 637 U.S. Army

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5 February 1944.

SUBJECT: Summary of Mission to Avord (Near Bourges, France). Field Order No. 235, dated 5 February 1944.

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

1. The group flew courses and times as briefed. Rendezvous was made with the bombers earlier than scheduled. This was done because of a closing course with bombers and to keep away from the 55th Group who were just ahead of us. We were bounced by 15-20 FW 190 about 20 miles East of the rendezvous point with no damage either to the bombers or to ourselves. The enemy made but one pass in a steep fast dive and kept going. We were unable to engage them. As we neared the target I noted 12 large aircraft on the airdrome in the act of taking off. When four had become air borne I dispatched the 77th to attack and the 55th to give cover. I remained with the bombers leading the 79th. In the engagement with these aircraft 2 were destroyed. A FW 200 was destroyed at 50 feet altitude and a HE 111 at 500 feet. The other two escaped in the haze and these still on the airdrome ceased taking off as they came under the bombing attack at this time. The bombing was excellent. I saw no bombs outside the shop and hangar area on the south of the field or on the east of the field when one box made a second run. Fires were blazing fiercely as we left. I recalled the 77th and 55th Squadrons to resume escort. The trip from the target to the French coast was without incident.

2. The weather was clear and visibility good. The bombing was visual and excellent. R/T was excellent though undisciplined as we neared home. No difficulties were encountered on the mission.

B. M. RUSSELL,  
Colonel, Air Corps,  
Commanding.

## MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

A. 20TH FIGHTER GROUP, COL. RUSSELL LEADING.

B. 48 P-38'S UP 0912 DOWN 1326

C. IXX 1

D. VIII F. C. F. O. 235 RAMROD TARGET SUPPORT.

E. NIL

F. 2

1 CRASH LANDED, CAT. E (E/A BATTLE DAMAGE.)

1 CAT. A (E/A)

G. NIL

H. 2-0-0

1 FW 200, DESTROYED, LT. COL. MONTGOMERY, CAPT. SABO, LT. DAVIS (SHARED),  
77TH SQDN.

1 HE 111, DESTROYED, LTS. MORRIS AND FRANKS (SHARED) 77TH SQDN.

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## MISSION SUMMARY REPORT (Cont.)

I. L/F 1010, 16,000 Feet, FECAMP. R/V 2 C. W.'S B-17'S (1ST BOMB DIV.)  
1 C. W. B-24'S, 1030, 16,000 FEET AS BRIEED. OUT 1230, DIEPPE, 16,000  
FEET. BOMBER FORMATION GOOD. 20 FW 190'S MADE DIVING BOUNCE BOMBERS AT  
ROMORATIN. DISPERSED. APPROXIMATELY 4 FW 200'S AND 6 HE 111'S SEEN  
AVORD AERODROME. 77TH SQDN. BOUNCED 4 TAKING OFF, DESTROYING 1 FW 200  
AND 1 HE 111, 50-500 FEET, 4 MILES FROM AERODROME. B-24 DOWN IN FLAMES  
BLOIS, NO CHUTES SEEN. P-47'S SEEN CHASING 2 ME 109'S NW PARIS. STRIKES  
WEEK SCORED. BOMBING EXCELLENT. P-47'S SEEN ALL THE WAY IN AND OUT.  
R/T GOOD.

## MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

F.O. 235  
5 JANUARY, 1944  
BOMBER ESCORT - A/D BOURGES  
2 SORTIE CREDITS

- A. 55TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, CAPT. MCAULEY, LEADING
- B. 17 A/C UP WITTERING 0915 - 16 DOWN 1315 HOURS.
- C. 1 - LT. TAYLOR, W.B.
- D. BOMBER ESCORT F.O. 235
- E, F, G, H. NIL
- I. L/F IN 1010, 16,000 FEET NEAR ST. AUBIN. R/V WITH 2 BOXES B-17'S NEAR ARGENTON AT 1020, 16,000 FEET. BOMBERS IN GOOD FORMATION. CONTROLLER WARNED OF 20+ BANDITS. 20+ FW-190'S BOUNCED BOMBERS. MADE ONE PASS AND LEFT WHEN GROUP MOVED INTO BOUNCE. B-24 SEEN GOING DOWN IN FLAMES NEAR BLOIS. NO CHUTES SEEN. 4/6 HE-111 AND 2/4 FW-200 SEEN TAKING OFF A/D. DENTON ORDERED REBUKE TO BOUNCE AND TOWNTALK TO COVER. BOMBED A/D, RESULTS GOOD. ALTITUDE 17,000 FEET. LEFT BOMBERS 1126 HOURS. L/F OUT 1205, 14,000 FEET BETWEEN TROUVILLE AND HONFLEUR. P-47'S SEEN ON WAY IN.  
R/T GOOD - SOME JAMMING

## MISSION SUMMARY REPORT 5 JANUARY 1944

- A. 77TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, 20TH FIGHTER GROUP, LT. COL. MONTGOMERY LEADING.
  - B. 15 UP AT 0917. 15 DOWN AT 1326.
  - C. NIL.
  - D. ESCORT AND TARGET SUPPORT, FIELD ORDER NO. 235.
  - E. ~~ONE - CRASH LANDED IN ENGLAND DUE TO ENEMY RETURN FIRE.~~
  - F. 1- CAT E. BELLY LANDED.
  - G. NIL.
  - H. 2-0-0. ONE HE III DESTROYED BY LT. J.M. MORRIS, AND 2ND LT. R.L. FRANKS.  
ONE FW 200 DESTROYED, SHARED BY COL. M. P. MONTGOMERY AND  
CAPT. P.J. SABO.  
CAPT. P. J. E. DAVIS
  - I. ENEMY LANDFALL EAST OF FE CAMP AT 1010 AT 16,000 FT. R/V WITH TWO COMBAT WINGS OF B-17s AND ONE COMBAT WING OF B-24s VICINITY OF ALENCON AT 1030 AT 16,000 FEET. OVERTARGET AT 1058 AT 16,000 FEET. BOMBING EXCELLENT ON BUILDINGS ON AIRFIELD. WITH BOMBERS ALL WAY OUT TO COAST WHERE LANDFALL OUT WAS VICINITY DIEPPE AT 1232 AT 16,000 FT.
- F.W. 200 DESTROYED IN VICINITY OF TARGET AT 50 FT. BURNING THEN SEEN TO EXPLODE. BOUNCED BY THREE FLIGHTS OF SQUADRON. HE III DESTROYED N OF TARGET BY LT. MORRIS AT 500 FT. SEEN TO HIT GROUND AND EXPLODE. FW 190 SEEN BEING SHOT AT BY P-47s. TWO 109s BEING SHOT AT NW OF PARIS BY P-47s.
- LIGHT FLAK SEEN IN TARGET AREA INACCURATE. MODERATE FLAK AT ALTITUDE. APPROX. 35-40 FLAK TOWERS SEEN BETWEEN ORLEANS AND COAST.



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MISSION REPORT

5 January 1944

- A. 79th Fighter Squadron Col. B. M. Russell, leading.
- B. 17 P-38s; Up: 0911; Down: 1325
- C. 1 - P-38
- D. Ramrod - Bomber Escort F. O. #235
- E. None
- F. None
- G. None
- H. O-O-O
- I. Landfall in on course and time, altitude 16,000, R/V North of Blois 2 minutes early, altitude 18,000, to target, landfall out Caen, 1145, 18,000 feet. 16 E/A seen at R/V. 1 B-24 seen afire after losing wing and spun toward ground no chutes seen. P-47s dropped tanks through formation and were flying through our formation on several occasions. Bomber formation: Good, R/T Good. Bombing results appeared excellent.

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

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TELEPHONE FLASH REPORT

F.O. 235

DATE 5 February 1944

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a. Designation of Unit	20TH FIGHTER GROUP
b. Time of Landing	1326
c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	2 NYR
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed 0 Probable 0 Damaged 0
e. Brief description of Mission	L/F 1010, 16,000 feet, Recamp. R/V 1025, 16,000 feet, 3 C.W.'s. Out 16,000 feet, 1230. Excellent bombing.
f. Weather - Battle damage	



TELEPHONE FLASH REPORT

DATE 5 February 1944

F.O. 235

(Not to be teletyped)	(Not to be teletyped)
a. Designation of Unit	55TH FIGHTER GROUP
b. Time of Landing	1315
c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	NIL
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed 0 Probable 0 Damaged 0
e. Brief description of Mission	L/F 1020, 16,000 feet, St. Aubin. R/V 1020, 16,000 feet, 2 boxes B-17's and B-24's. 20 E/A made pass at bombers 15-20 miles out Romorantin. Group attacked, E/A left. Good bombing. HE 111's and FW 200's seen taking off from A/D (Target). L/F out Le Havre, 1205, 14,000 feet.
f. Weather - Battle damage	

## TELEPHONE FLASH REPORT

F.O. 235DATE 5 February 1944

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a. Designation of Unit	77TH FIGHTER SQUADRON
b. Time of Landing	1326
c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	3 NYR
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed 2 Probable 0 Damaged 0
e. Brief description of Mission	L/F in 1010. Fecamp. 16,000 feet. R/V 1030, 16,000 feet, B-17's, B-24's. Bombing excellent. Factory. Out Dieppe, 1230-45, 1 Cat. A.
f. Weather - Battle damage	

## TELEPHONE FLASH REPORT

F.O. 235

DATE 5 February 1944

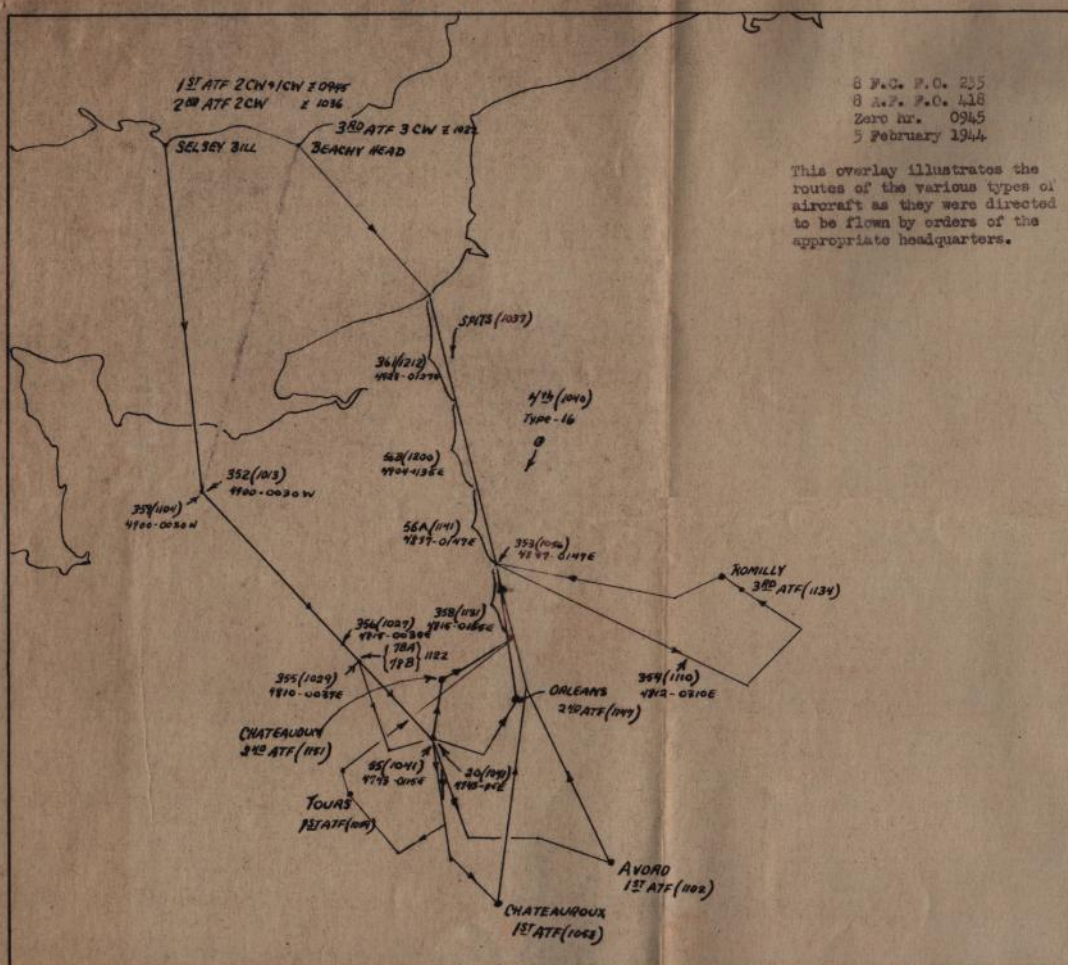
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a. Designation of Unit	79TH FIGHTER SQUADRON
b. Time of Landing	1325
c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	2 NYR
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed 0 Probable 0 Damaged 0
e. Brief description of Mission	L/F in 16,000 feet, as planned. R/V 2 minutes early, 1025. 1 run in S.E. One box ran south to north. L/F out Caen, 1145, 18,000 feet (?) Out 15 minutes early, 1232. 2 ME 109's (N.W. Paris area) dusky blue color, light grey, all the way in, all the way out.
f. Weather - Battle damage	



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8 P.C. P.O. 235  
8 A.P. P.O. 418  
Zero hr. 0945  
5 February 1944

This overlay illustrates the routes of the various types of aircraft as they were directed to be flown by orders of the appropriate headquarters.

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